

Repatriation of Thai Fishermen In Visakhapatnam Jails

1063. SHRI NANDU THAPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishermen from Thailand still in Visakhapatnam Jail;

(b) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have forwarded any proposal to the Union Government for their repatriation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have taken up the matter with the Thailand Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) 44 nationals of Thailand were apprehended by Indian authorities in August, 1990, while they were fishing illegally in Indian waters in two Thai trawlers. They were taken into custody under Maritime Zones of India Act and detained in Central Prison, Vishakhapatnam.

(b) to (e). Yes, Sir. Information about these individuals as provided to Embassy of Thailand in New Delhi, with a request that necessary arrangements for their repatriation to Thailand may be made on their release. The Embassy of Thailand have agreed to do the same and these individuals are being repatriated to Thailand shortly.

India's Plan to end Gulf War

1064. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has prepared a plan to

end the Gulf war;

(b) whether India's proposal was accepted by Algeria, Yemen and Saudi Arabia;

(c) if so, the number of countries which had accepted India's proposed plan and those who have rejected the same; and

(d) the present position in regard to the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (d). India has not formally submitted any plan to end the gulf war. However, immediately after the outbreak of the war, India took the initiative of consulting the members of the Security Council on the basis of some ideas for bringing the war to an end. The main thrust of these ideas was to seek suspension of hostilities simultaneously with the withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait. Very recently, at the Belgrade meeting of the Foreign Ministers of 16 Nonaligned countries India made available to the meeting the text of a Non-aligned peace Plan. It could not become possible to arrive at a consensus on any peace planing that meeting. However, it was agreed to send one or more peace missions to Baghdad, Washington and other capitals.

International Conference of Traffic Safety

1065. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT:
SHRI B. DEVARAJAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Conference on Traffic Safety was held in New Delhi in January, 1991;