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Title: Need to clear projects of Kerala Government for new fishing harbours of Ponnani and Thalai early – Laid.

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA) : The project proposal for new fishing harbours of Ponnani (Malappuram) and Thalai (Kannur) have been submitted to Government of India on 13.10.99 and 15.11.99, respectively. The project cost of Ponnani and Thalai fishing harbours amounts to Rs.2670 and Rs.1370 lakhs respectively.

As per the directions of Government of India model studies of Ponnani Fishing Harbour were carried out at Central Water and Power Research Station, Puna and Ocean Engineering Centre, Chennai. The model study report of Thalai Fishing Harbour is entrusted with the Centre for Environment and Development, Thiruvananthapuram. The Project reports are modified on the basis of the findings of the model study. But the Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery (CICEF), Bangalore has not yet scrutinized the Project Reports which is a prerequisite for the clearance of the Projects by the Central Government considering the importance of these Projects in the Fishing Industry which earns a good share of Foreign Exchange, I request the Government of India to take urgent necessary steps to clear these two projects.