

National Waterways

6011. SHRISATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to develop new National Waterways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. At present there are proposals to declare the following waterways as National Waterways:-

- (i) Quilon-Kottapuram stretch of the West Coast Canal and Champakara Canal and Udyogmandal Canal;
- (ii) Waterway in Sunderbans along the inter-national steamer route from the confluence of Doagra Khal with channel creek (Baratola River) to the confluence of Behari Khal with Raimangal River on the international border.

(c) Does not arise.

Export of Readymade Garments

6012. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of foreign exchange earned during 1990-91 through export of readymade garments; and
- (b) the leading countries importing these garments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (ASHOK GEHLOT): (a). Export of readymade garments from India amounted to Rs. 4640 crores (Provisional) in 1990-91.

(b) The leading countries importing these garments from India are E.E.C., U.S.A., U.S.S.R., U.A.F. Japan, Switzerland, Canada, Sweden, Austria etc.

Development of Sericulture in Andhra Pradesh

6013. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of farmers taking up sericulture in Gampalagudam, Ranireddypalli, Polasanipalli areas in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh has been increasing every year;

(b) if so, the quantity and value of cocoons produced in these areas during the last three years;

(c) whether the farmers are experiencing a lot of difficulties in transporting the cocoons to the Karnataka State for marketing;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to arrange for marketing and transportation facilities for the disposal of cocoons produced in Krishna district; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a). Yes Sir.

(b) The quantity and value of reeling cocoons produced during the last three years in Gampalagudam, Ranireddypalli and

Polasanipalli areas of Krishna District is detailed below:-

Area	quantity of cocoons			produced	value of Cocoons	
	88-89	89-90	90-91	(in kgs.)	(in lakhs rupees)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Gampalagudam	19,318	31,194	64,970	14.19	23.41	49.2
Ranireddypalli	33,916	68,391	1,04,535	24.50	49.58	74.8
Polasanipalli	39,722	57,0,81	73,500	24.01	35.00	49.1

(c) to (e). In order to provide marketing facilities to the local farmers, the State Department has established a silk reeling unit at Talaprole and a silk reeling unit has also been established at Hanuman Junction by SERIFED.

Due to non-availability of local reelers/buyers, the farmers are disposing of their cocoons at regulated Cocoon Markets situated in Rayaleseema region of A.P. and Karnataka State where there are sufficient reelers/buyers and prices are competitive. The State Government is promoting the establishment of Reeling Units in the Private Sector in Krishna District to build up market demand within the District. The farmers have the liberty to sell their reeling cocoons anywhere in the regulated/notified Government cocoons markets in Andhra Pradesh/Karnataka State.

National Highway No. 5 from Vijayawada to Visakhapatnam from K.M. 358/0 to 398/875 into a four lane road has been taken up;

(b) if so, the present stage of the work;

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the project; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT
(SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work on one portion is in progress and for the remaining portion the agency for contract is yet to be fixed.

(c) The estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on the project is Rs. 6968.56 lakhs.

(d) The portion of the work already let out is likely to be completed by March, 1995. For the remaining portion of the work it is too early to indicate the time by which it is likely to be completed.

283 Widening of National Highway No. 5
into Four Lane

6014. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA
RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE
TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of widening of