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[Translation]

Widening of National Highway Between Delhi and Chandigarh

3900. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on double laning of the National Highway between Delhi and Chandigarh; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Presumably by "double laning", the Hon'ble Member has in view four laning with divided carriageway. The work of widening of Murthal-Karnal section of the National Highway between Delhi and Chandigarh is in progress on which an expenditure of Rs. 1696 lakhs has been incurred upto June, 1993.

(b) The above widening work is targetted to be completed by December, 1995.

Bhojpuri Programmes

3901. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHRY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a persistent demand to telecast/broadcast news and other programmes in Bhojpuri from Gorakhpur AIR/Doordarshan Kendra in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the standard of Bhojpuri programmes from Gorakhpur AIR/Doordarshan Kendra has declined; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) While AIR Station/Doordarshan Kendra at Gorakhpur are broadcasting/telecasting programmes in Bhojpuri, no persistent demands to broadcast/telecast news in Bhojpuri from there have been received.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Sea Fishing Vessels

3902. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are providing any subsidy for the acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels;

(b) if so, the number of companies along with the number of their vessels for which subsidy has been provided during each of the last three years; and

(c) the reasons for encouraging acquisition of more vessels in view of large number of vessels lying idle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI):

(a) and (b) No subsidy is given for acquisition of deep sea fishing vessels. However, subsidy at the rate of 33% is given to the Indian shipyards for construction of fishing trawlers for the use of Indian companies. The subsidy given for indigenous construction of fishing trawlers to Indian shipyards during the last three years is as under:

Year	No. of Ship-yards	No. of Vessels	Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)
1990-91	2	12	87.23
1991-92	3	4	20.89
1992-93	2	2	12.50