

(c) 13 vessels of 0.277 Million GRI were sold for scrapping or for further trading during 1992-93 (7 vessels sold for scrapping and 6 vessels sold for further trading abroad).

(d) The share of India's overseas trade handled by the Indian merchant fleet during 1992-93 was 35.9%.

Smuggling in the Sea Coast Area of Gujarat

7945. DR. K.D. JESWANI Will the Minister of FINANCE be please to state:

(a) whether the smuggling is in rampant in the sea-coast area of Gujarat;

(b) the details of the smuggled goods in terms of rupee during each of the last three years;

(c) the source of country for these smuggled goods; and

(3) the steps taken to curb this smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHKEKRA MURTHY): The sea-coast area of Gujarat continues to be sensitive to smuggling. However, available reports do not indicate rampant smuggling in the sea-coast of Gujarat at present.

(b) Smuggling is a clandestine activity and it is not possible to estimate the quantum and value of goods smuggled. However, value of smuggled goods seized are as follows:

Year	Value in terms of Rupee (in crores)
1990	31.68
1991	16.54
1992	19.62

(c) Reports indicate that most of the smuggled goods have their origin from Dubai and other middle east countries.

(d) The anti-smuggling agencies are vigilant against smuggling activities. Close co-ordination is being maintained among all the agencies concerned in the detection and prevention of smuggling

Bypass on NH No. 4

7946. SHR THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be please to state: vovernment to expedite the work; and

(a) the present stage of work on bypass in alleppey on N.H. No. 47 in Kerala;

(b) whether the pace of work on this bypass is very slow;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to expedite the work; and

(d) the time by which this bypass is likely to be completed and estimated cost of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d). Land for alleppey bypass has already been acquired and the work of construction is being taken up in two phases. For phase I, with an estimated cost of Rs. 99.8 lakhs, the present progress is 40%. Survey investigation for Phase II has been sanctioned. Detailed estimate for this work is yet to be sanctioned. It is, therefore, too early to indicate the time by which the bypass is likely to be completed.

Export of Pepper

7948. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be please to state:

(a) whether there is any scope for export of oleorescene of pepper (Pepper band extracts) and its produces in foreign markets;

(b) if so, the detail thereof;

(c) the details of items and quantity of papper exported to each country during the last three years and foreign exchange earned therefrom; year-wise;

(d) whether the Government have taken any stops to encourage this industry and its exports; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). Pepper oil and oleo-resin form