

- (b) if so, whether Government has taken up this matter with Pakistan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH): (a) This Ministry has not come across any case wherein the parcels sent by the relatives and members of the families of Indian fishermen presently in the custody of Pakistani authorities have been returned.

- (b) and (c) Does not arise.

Infrastructure projects in Myanmar

3222. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several infrastructure projects are being implemented under the Ministry's funding in Myanmar, which would largely benefit North-Eastern States specially Manipur and Mizoram; and
- (b) if so, the details of such important infrastructure projects undertaken by Government in Myanmar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GENERAL (RETD.) V.K. SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes. Government of India is undertaking development of some infrastructure projects as part of our development cooperation partnership with Myanmar which would be of benefit to both Myanmar and North-Eastern states of India. These are construction of 69 bridges including approach roads in the Tamu-Kyigone-Kalewa road section (149.70) kms. and construction/upgradation of Kalewa-Yargi road section (120.74 kms.), which are parts of the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway. Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project (KMMTTP), also being implemented by this Ministry, envisages connectivity between Indian ports on the eastern seaboard and Sittwe port in Myanmar and then through riverine transport and by road to Mizoram.

Delay in KMMTTP road project

3223. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that construction of Paletwa-Zorinpui road under Kaladan Multi- Model Transit Transport Project (KMMTTP) is unduly getting delayed and also resulting into cost overrun;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor indicating the issues raised by various agencies for the implementation of this important road project; and