

Economy in port's costs

2019. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some fresh initiatives have been taken at 12 major ports in the country to cut costs in their operations so that they can run like independent profit centres; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with specific areas identified for the cost cutting exercise and major economy measures adopted, if any, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) Efforts are made on continuous basis to improve the working of major ports and to reduce cost in various areas of operation. The ports receive suggestions for reducing cost from different quarters including port users and implement these suggestions to the extent possible, from time to time to improve operating performance. The ports are looking into various operating areas like consumption of fuel and power, inventory management, overtime, medical expenses, incentives, manpower rationalisation, implementation of Electronic Data Interchange etc. to improve their performance.

Expansion plan for JNP in Mumbai

2020. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of expansion plan for Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai;

(b) the approximate expenditure expected therefor; and

(c) the details of other ports to be expanded in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) to (c) Development and expansion of ports is an ongoing process, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust has identified the following schemes involving expansion of the port:—

- (i) Re-development of the existing Bulk Terminal into Container Terminal involving an investment of about Rs. 900 crores

which is expected to yield additional container handling capacity of about 14 million tonnes per annum.

- (ii) Deepening and widening of Approach Channel to the Port at an estimated cost of Rs. 700 crores which involves deepening its draft so as to handle ships upto laden draught of 14 Mtrs. and certain widening of entrance channel at pockets.
- (iii) Phase-wise development of Marine Chemical Terminal (MCT) in tandem with increase in traffic volumes with facilities for handling Class 'A', 'B', 'C' grade liquid cargo and refrigerated/pressurized liquefied gases along with development of necessary back up facilities like tank farms. First phase of the project is expected to cost about Rs. 3000 crores.

The other major ports namely, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Cochin, Visakhapatnam, Kandla, Mormugao, Paradip, New Mangalore, Tuticorin and Ennore have schemes for expansion through extension of existing berths, construction of new berths and jetties, deepening of channel etc.

Private sector participation in inland waterways

2021. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated by the inland waterways Authority of India to allow private participation in inland waterways, especially for setting up cargo terminals and running of vessel services on identified waterways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some major shipping companies have already expressed their intention to participate in such projects and a model agreement for inviting private sector participation has been formalised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof with the present status of the bidding process?