

Foreign investment in expansion of ports

747. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have a proposal to make Foreign Direct Investment in the development, expansion and modernisation of port;
- (b) if so, the port-wise plan investment proposed thereon;
- (c) the specific plan formulated for Paradip Port in that regard; and
- (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No port-specific plan for Foreign Direct Investment is proposed. However, projects have been identified for private sector participation which are open for foreign investment as well.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Allocation of fund from CRF to Orissa

748. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) the fund allocated from the Central Road Fund during each of the last three years;
- (b) the name of the projects being implemented with Central Road Fund during those years, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government have received any representation from Orissa for additional funds; and
- (d) if so, the allocation made during the current financial year to Orissa and other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) A statement is enclosed {See below}.

(b) Implementation of the projects is an ongoing process which are sanctioned from time to time. List of Projects is being compiled.