

comprehensive census of the sodium silicate industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard? .

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Cuddalore Port

*188. SHRI N. RAJANGAM; With the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that the Cuddalore Port in Tamil Nadu is not fit for use of passenger and freight ships because of lack of proper facilities;

(b) what is the passenger and freight traffic during the last three years from the port, year-wise; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve and modernise the Cuddalore Port so as to relieve congestion at the Madras Port and also to give boost to the industries in the surrounding areas of the Port?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) Cuddalore Port is a lighterage port where ships anchor at mid-stream and cargo is transferred between ship and shore by lighters. The Port has 1135 metres of wharf length for berthing such lighters. The port is also equipped with cranes, sheds, stacking area, etc. for handling cargo.

(b) Particulars of cargo traffic for the year 1981-82 to 1983-81 are furnished below: —

(in MT)

Total Cargo handled		Grand Total
Imported	Exported	
141832	27959	169791
190524.5	42927.5	233452
966697.5	35304.6	132002.1

There has been no passenger traffic in Cuddalore Port in the last three years.

(c) As per the decision of the National Development Council taken in 1978, development and management of minor ports is the responsibility of the State Governments concerned. Funds for development are to be provided in the State Plans. Government of India however render technical assistance to the State Governments when sought for.

The State Government have intimated that they have drawn 115. some schemes in favour of the port facilities in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

UNDP Adviser to assist in development of ship industry

*189. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently secured the services of a United Nations Development Programme Adviser for the development of ship industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. The services of a UNDP Adviser have been obtained since November, 1982.

(b) He has been associated in assessing the performance of different shipbuilding & shiprepair units and he has given suggestions for improving the performance. The main projects are as under: —

(1) Development Plan for Rajabagan Dockyard Calcutta.

(2) Project formulation for modernization of dry docks inside Calcutta Port Trust.