

Upgradation of waterways

1357. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of waterways in the country;
- (b) the details of the steps to upgrade these waterways to international standard; and
- (c) the details of the revenue accrued from these waterways during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MUKUL ROY): (a) to (c) Five waterways have so far been declared as National Waterways (NWs). First three NWs *i.e.* NW - 1, 2 and 3 are being developed as per the projected requirement for shipping and navigation by providing basic transport infrastructural facilities. These include navigational channel with targeted depth and width for most part of the year, aids for day and night navigation and terminals at selected locations for berthing and loading/unloading of vessels.

Since substantial cargo is yet not being transported on NWs, not much revenue is generated/accrued on these NWs. Inland Waterways Authority of India however collects charges such as pilotage charges, berthing charges, storage charges as well charges for transporting cargo under demonstrative cargo services. During 2008-09 the revenue generated from these charges was Rs. 5.32 lakhs.

Protection of cargo in ports

1358. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the projections of cargo for the period of 2010-2015 in the various parts in India;
- (b) the details of warehousing capacity to manage the cargo port-wise;
- (c) whether the current warehousing infrastructure is able to meet the requirements;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the measures proposed by Government to augment the additional warehousing capacity at ports?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) Projection of Cargo

(In Million Tonnes)

Name of the Port	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1	2	3	4	5	6
Kolkata	45.58	48.05	50.84	53.60	56.50
Paradip	62.00	68.20	74.80	80.80	86.30
Visakhapatnam	72.80	79.30	89.40	95.00	105.00