

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is going to partially privatize Ennore Port;
- (b) if so, what are the proposals being examined by Government;
- (c) how much was the total investment in Ennore Port since inception;
- (d) what steps will be taken to avoid selling away Ennore Port;
- (e) whether it is a fact that portions of the port have been handed over to the private sector;

and

- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

(c) The phase-I development of Ennore Port Limited is completed with an investment of Rs. 1058 crores. The Port commenced its commercial operations in June, 2001. The ongoing phase-II development involves private entrepreneurs. Investment of Rs. 1130 crores and Ennore Port's own investment for supporting infrastructure namely dredging and rail-road connectivity is around Rs. 312 crores. Hence, a total investment of Rs. 2500 crores has been made since inception of Ennore Port Limited.

(d) Question does not arise as Ennore Port Limited is neither divesting any of its equity stake nor the Central Government offered any of its share holdings for sale.

(e) No, Sir. The development and operations of the Port are being done with the involvement of private sector through Public Private Partnership on Built Operate and Transfer model.

- (f) Does not arise.

#### **Cruise service**

†2130. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that cruise service operating across the country is on the verge of closure owing to imposition of excessive taxes;
- (b) whether Government is formulating any strategy for its promotion and improvement;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has considered to provide any assistance for smooth operation of cruise service?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) No, Sir.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) Under the Ministry of Tourism, there is a scheme for Large Revenue Generating Projects to remove shortcomings of budgetary resources with regard to large investments for tourism infrastructure. This scheme envisages to assist private sector, corporate and institutional resources as well as techno-managerial efficiencies for development of tourism infrastructure. The subsidy under the scheme will have a cap of Rs. 50.00 crores subject to maximum of 25% of total project cost or 50% of equity contribution of the promoter, whichever is lower.

#### **Inland waterways in Goa**

2131. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and names of inland waterways in Goa;
- (b) whether the State Government has proposed nationalization of any of the national waterways in Goa;
- (c) the legal consequences which may follow after inland waterways are nationalized;
- (d) the names of inland waterways nationalized in the country in the last three years; and
- (e) the development undertaken with respect to each of the waterways and cost incurred in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MUKUL ROY): (a) There are three important inland waterways in the State of Goa viz Mandovi river, Zuari river and Cumburjua canal.

(b) The Union Government has not received any proposal from the Government of Goa proposing nationalization of any waterway of the State.

(c) On declaration of a waterway as National Waterway, the responsibility of development and regulation of the waterway for shipping and navigation vests with the Union Government.

(d) Following two waterways have been declared as National Waterways in the last three years in the country.

- (i) Kakinada-Puducherry stretch of canals comprising of Kakinada canal, Eluru canal, Commamur canal, Buckingham canal and the Kaluvelly tank, Bhadrachalam-Rajahmundry stretch of river Godavari and Wazirabad-Vijaywada stretch of river Krishna in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and the Union territory of Puducherry. - Declared in November 2008.
- (ii) Talcher-Dhamra stretch of Brahmani-Kharsua-Dhamra rivers, Geonkhali-Charbatia stretch of East Coast Canal, Charbatia-Dhamra stretch of Matai river