

and Mahanadi delta rivers between Mangalgadi and Paradip in the States of West Bengal and Orissa, Declared in November, 2008.

(e) Inland Waterways Authority of India has developed substantial Inland Water Transport related infrastructure namely navigational channel, navigational aids and terminals and invested about Rs 324 cr, Rs 276 cr and Rs 116 cr respectively till March 2009 for National Waterway 1, 2 & 3 which were declared as National Waterways in 1986, 1988 and 1993. In the two newly declared national waterways developmental work has not yet commenced.

#### **Permission to private sector for operating port facilities**

2132. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to allow private players to operate port facilities to transport cargo and also to set up captive berths at ports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) and (b) A proposal to allow private players to operate captive berths at major ports for transportation of cargo is presently with the Government, but no final decision has been taken.

#### **Port Development Projects**

2133. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to allot 17 port development projects to private players under its ambitious National Maritime Development Programme to increase the capacity of the major ports by 410 million tonnes (mt) per annum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry also has a proposal to set up a mega container terminal at Chennai which would increase the port capacity by 48 Mt. per annum with an investment of Rs. 3886 crores and also construct a second cargo berth at Tuticorin port; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) In order to increase the capacity of Major ports, 17 Public Private Partnership (PPP) Projects are scheduled to be awarded in 2009-10, most of which are under the National Maritime Development Programme.

(b) The details of such projects are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) Chennai Port has proposed to develop Mega Container Terminal under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode at an estimated cost of Rs.3686 crores. The capacity of berth is 48 million tonnes per annum. Tuticorin Port has also proposed to develop North Cargo Berth No. II under PPP mode at an estimated cost of Rs.332.16 crores. The capacity of berth is 7 million tonnes per annum.

**Statement**

*17 PPP Projects schedule to be awarded 2009-10*

S.No.	Project Name
1.	Multi purpose berth at Port Trust Projects-I, Paradip Port Trust
2.	Mechanization of Central Quay-III Berth, Paradip Port Trust
3.	Installation of Mechanized handling facilities for fertilizers at EQ 7 in the Inner Harbour, Vishakhapatnam Port Trust
4.	Mechanized coal handling facilities at General cum Cargo Berth(CGB) in the Outer Harbour, Vishakhapatnam Port Trust
5.	Development of Container Terminal, New Mangalore Port Trust.
6.	Creation of Mega Container Terminal, Chennai Port Trust.
7.	Installation of Mechanized handling facilities at WQ 8 Vishakhapatnam Port Trust
8.	Installation of Mechanized handling facilities at WQ 7 Vishakhapatnam Port Trust
9.	Development of standalone container handling facility with a quay length of 330 m North of NSICT Terminal, Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Trust
10.	4th Container Terminal, Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Trust
11.	Construction of North Cargo Berth No. II at Tuticorin Port Trust
12.	Development of EQ 1 in East Dock, Vishakhapatnam Port Trust
13.	Development of EQ 1A in East Dock, Vishakhapatnam Port Trust
14.	Development and operation of 2 Berth at Indira Dock as dry bulk cargo terminal, Mumbai Port Trust
15.	Development and operation of a Berth at Indira Dock- as conventional cargo terminal, Mumbai Port Trust
16.	Creation of berthing and allied facilities off Tekkra near Tuna (outside Kandla Creek) - Kandla Port Trust
17.	Setting up of Single Point Mooring (SPM) and allied facilities off Veera in Gulf of Kutch, Kandla Port Trust

**Rescue of cargo ship by US coast guards**

†2134. SHRI Y. P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States (US) Coast Guard rescued cargo ship A.P.J. Surya Vihar with 28 Indian crew members on board;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.