

रहा है और उस पर विवाद हो तो उसे Central laboratories में भेजा जा सकता है। इसके लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार के ये appellate laboratories हैं। हमारा काम केवल यही है। इसके लिए ज्यादा laboratories खोलने का काम राज्य सरकारों का है।...(व्यवधान)...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question 342 (*Interruptions*)

श्री बलबीर पुंज : सर ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री गुलाम नबी आज़ाद : आपको अभी मालूम नहीं है। स्टेट में किसी ने बताया ही नहीं है तो मैं यह कैसे बता दूँ?

श्री रामदास अग्रवाल : सभापति महोदय, मैं प्रश्न नहीं कर रहा हूँ बल्कि आपसे केवल अनुरोध कर रहा हूँ कि यह मिलावट का मामला बड़ा गंभीर है और इसके ऊपर यह मैसेज जाना चाहिए कि मिलावट के खिलाफ सारे मੈम्बर्स ...(व्यवधान)... यह मैसेज नहीं जा रहा है...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति : यह सजेशन आ चुका है...(व्यवधान)... नहीं, नहीं अग्रवाल साहब प्लीज़ ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री रामदास अग्रवाल : इस पर अलग से चर्चा होनी चाहिए...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति : आपको procedure मालूम है, आप discussion के लिए नोटिस दीजिए।...(व्यवधान)...

Shipping potential in the country

*342. DR. K. MALAISAMY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been undertaken to identify potential areas for shipping Business along the long Coast Line of more than 7500 KMs available in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that 90 per cent world trade depends either directly or indirectly on shipping business;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the facilities available for R & D in the area of Shipping and Sea Coast are marginal and negligible; and

(d) if so, the measures taken or being taken to improve such areas?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN) : (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir. A report has been submitted by M/s Tata Consultancy Services in December, 2003.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) National Ship Design Research Centre (NSDRC) was set up under the aegis of Ministry of Shipping in 1989 with the objective to promote and design research activities for shipping and ship building. In order to facilitate and promote maritime studies and research, the Indian

Maritime University (IMU) has been established in Chennai with its campuses at Kolkata, Mumbai and Visakhapatnam in 2008. NSDRC has been merged with IMU.

DR. K. MALAISAMY : Sir, I am able to get a reply from the hon. Minister who is known for his brevity and relevancy. It has been stated by the hon. Minister, in his reply, that ninety per cent of the world business depends on shipping. Therefore, the shipping route business has tremendous potentially in India because our country has a long coastline of about 7,500 kms. Sir, according to me...(Interruptions)...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please put the question.

DR. K. MALAISAMY : Okay, Sir. According to me, a good deal of the tremendous potentiality, which is available here, has not been exploited. It is my first observation.

MR. CHAIRMAN : No observations, only question please.

DR. K. MALAISAMY : Sir, coming to the first supplementary, the hon. Minister, in his brief reply, has stated that the report had been submitted by the That Consultancy in 2003. Will the hon. Minister explain the various kinds of recommendations therein, and the action taken on these recommendations? What is the observation of the hon. Minister, whether these recommendations...(Interruptions)..

MR. CHAIRMAN : You have put three questions.

DR. K. MALAISAMY : Are the measures taken on these recommendations adequate and effective?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please be brief. I think we are taking too much time over individual questions and supplementaries.

SHRI G.K. VASAN : Sir, it is true that almost 95 per cent by volume and 70 per cent by value of India's global merchandise trade is carried through the sea route. As for the TCS recommendations, it has recommended development of certain minor ports for the promotion of coastal shipping. The responsibility for developing non-major ports rests with the respective State Governments. Still, with a view to developing and promoting coastal shipping, two schemes have been recommended by the Government, a shipping development fund for soft lending for purpose of acquisition of coastal vessels and centrally-sponsored schemes for development of coastal shipping infrastructure, which have been proposed under the National Maritime Development Programme of our Ministry.

DR. K. MALAISAMY : Sir, my second supplementary..

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please put a shorter question.

DR. K. MALAISAMY : Sir, I have a lot of questions but...

MR. CHAIRMAN : No, no. Please follow the procedure.

DR. K. MALAISAMY : Sir, they had set up the National Ship Design and Research Centre, NSDRC, as early as in 1989. Nearly 20 years have passed after its establishment. They could have done a lot of work. What are the achievements that they have made in these 20 years because of research activities? It has been said that these activities would be merged with the Maritime University, which is a new development. What would happen after merging these activities with the Maritime University? Sir, their research establishment should have done some work.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Malaisamy, please ask the question. Don't speculate.

DR. K. MALAISAMY : What has been achieved by the research?

MR. CHAIRMAN : You have asked the question.

DR. K. MALAISAMY : What would happen after it is merged with the University?

SHRI G.K. VASAN : Sir, the NSDRC, the National Ship Design and Research Centre, was established at Visakhapatnam in 1989 and it existed till March 2009 in line with the R & D institution concept to render service to shipping and the shipping industry. The NSDRC functioned as an autonomous society under the administrative control of Ministry of Shipping up to November 2008, whereafter the same was subsumed to the Indian Maritime University through an Act of Parliament. The major achievements of the NSDRC which the hon. Member wished to know are, preparation of design and supervision of construction of 100 pax vessels, 400 passenger-cum-100 ton cargo vessels for Kalighat, 500 pax vessels for Andaman and Nicobar administration, coastal vessels for Department of Ocean Development, ocean thermal energy conversion, e-governance for DG, Shipping and hauling of submarines at Visakhapatnam. I would also like to tell the hon. Member that the IMU, Visakhapatnam Campus is to have a school of maritime design and research, which would continue all the work of the National Ship Design and Research Centre.

श्री पुरुषोत्तम खोडाभाई रुपाला : माननीय सभापति जी, मैं आपके माध्यम से माननीय मंत्री जी से यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि गुजरात में समुद्र तट का किनारा 1600 किलोमीटर लम्बा है, शायद बहुत ही लम्बा समुद्री तट गुजरात के पास है और जो पूरे देश का पोत का परिवहन हो रहा है, उसमें से 40% कारोबार गुजरात के पोर्ट्स से हो रहा है। तो इस संभावना को देखते हुए मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि गुजरात में maritime university की स्थापना के लिए केन्द्र सरकार के मन में कोई विचार चल रहा है, आप उस बारे में कुछ step ले रहे हैं या इसके लिए कुछ योजना बना रहे हैं तो वह बताने की कृपा करें? हमारे Vadinar बंदरगाह का जो मामला चल रहा है, उसको भी हम राज्य सरकार की ओर से और माननीय मंत्री जी से परस्यु करा रहे हैं, उसके बारे में भी सरकार की कार्रवाई को बताने का कष्ट करें?

SHRI G.K. VASAN : Sir, the hon. Member has been regularly interacting with me for setting up a campus of IMU in Gujarat. Gujarat is a major maritime State in the country. There is a growing need for trained manpower in the maritime sector. However, requirement of more universities could depend on the experience gained from establishing the IMU and enabling factors like availability of land, resources, etc. Regarding the proposal for allotting an IMU Campus to Gujarat, I would say that in a meeting held on 7.11.2009, the Kandla Port Trust has granted in principle approval for setting up a Marine Engineering College at Kandla by the IMU, for which the Kandla Port Trust has to allot approximately 12.5 acres of land. To proposal was subsequently approved by the Board of Trustees. A proposal to allot 12.5 acres for 30 years to IMU for setting up a Marine Engineering College and to run the college through a private developer on a competitive selection process is under consideration. I would like to inform the Member that the KPT has been requested to consider allotting land to the private developer selected on competitive basis as per guidelines in force and may seek inputs from the IMU. Given the constraint of resources, the Government wanted affiliation of new campuses developed by private players with IMU who meet the requisite standards.

On the second part of the hon. Member's question, there is also a need for developing new ports to cope up with the growing need of the shipping sector. Regarding the Vadinar port which the hon. Member stated, the Government to develop the Vadinar port as a joint venture. This is the request from the State Government. Since the Vadinar port falls under the jurisdiction of the Kandla Port Trust, it has been decided that development of Vadinar Port should be taken up by the Kandla Port Trust itself.

PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Sir, this question relates to tapping the benefits of potential areas of shipping business. Sir, the coast of Kerala is very close to international navigational route, and there is a lot of potential to be tapped. It is with this in view, the Government has sanctioned an International Container Trans-shipment Terminal at Vallarpadam near Cochin. I have only a simple question. What is the present status of that project? What is the total investment? By what time, it can be completed?

SHRI G. K. VASAN : Sir, the ICTT project at Vallarpadam, Cochin, envisages development of facilities for handling mother container ship with 8,000-plus TEU capacities. The Licence Agreement contemplates the development of a terminal in phases. The project will be completed by the end of August, 2010. A substantial portion of the country's container traffic can be handled through this trans-shipment terminal, which is presently trans shipped through Colombo, Salalah, Dubai and Singapore.

SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY : Sir, Kolkata Marine Engineering College is the oldest marine engineering college in our country. When the proposal for IMU was being mooted and discussions were going on, we appealed to the Government to consider this college also though it was not accepted by the then Ministry. But, we were assured that it would be updated to a full-fledged university. Where does the Government stand now on this issue? My supplementary question is..

MR. CHAIRMAN : Only one question please.

SHRI G.K. VASAN : Sir, the Government established the Indian Maritime University on 14.11.2008 at Chennai with campuses at Kolkata, Visakhapatnam and Mumbai. I would like to inform the Member that IMU would focus on high end course like MBA, M.Sc. and doctorate programmes. It will also collaborate with reputed Institutes abroad and in India. Not only the Kolkata campus but in all the other campuses...(Interruptions)...

SHRI SHYAM CHAKRABORTY : What about the university?...(Interruptions)...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please...(Interruptions)...

SHRI G.K. VASAN : Sir, the best facilities, which are available, will be given...(Interruptions)...

SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY : Sir, an assurance was ...(Interruptions)...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please don't interrupt...(Interruptions)...Q.No. 343.

श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि : सर, उड़ीसा के बंदरगाह का जहां तक सवाल है...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति : पाणि जी, कृपया आप बैठ जाइए...(व्यवधान)...

श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि : वह कितना जाम हो रहा है ...(व्यवधान)... पारादीप का विकास कराइए, वहां पर नेहरू जी गए थे...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति : पाणि जी, कृपया बैठ जाइए ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री रुद्रनारायण पाणि : *

MR. CHAIRMAN : This is not going on record...(Interruptions)... Yes, please.

IWMP in Andhra Pradesh

*343. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the districts in Andhra Pradesh in which Drought Prone Area programme (DPAP) is being implemented;

*Not recorded