

- (a) how many major, medium and minor ports are under considerations in the east coast of the country;
- (b) how many of them are being situated in eco-fragile areas; and
- (c) whether setting up of large scale infrastructures are accompanied with cost benefit analysis for the local communities?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) to (c) No proposal for setting up of a major port in east coast of the country is under consideration of the Central Government, In so far as non-major ports are concerned, as per the Indian Ports Act, 1908, they are under the overall jurisdiction of the respective State Governments. The cost benefit analysis for the local communities while setting up of non-major ports may be taken by the State Governments.

Inland waterways to link ports in Gujarat

1018. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any steps has been taken by the Ministry to create inland waterways to link various ports of Gujarat to other major parts of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MUKUL ROY): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

Foreign cargo vessels/ships

1019. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign cargo vessels/ ships arrived at major ports in the country during 2008-09 and 2009-10, port-wise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantity and type of cargo carried by foreign and domestic cargo vessels/ships during the said period separately, port-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the details of domestic and foreign ships detained for alleged irregularities during the said period, port-wise, company-wise and year-wise; and
- (e) the action taken by Government against such ship/cargo companies during the said period, company-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) to (c) Information is given in the Statement-I (See below).

- (d) and (e) Information is given in the Statement-II.