

Building of Shipyards during Fifth Plan Period

*362. SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA:†

SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI
CHUNDAWAT :

SHRI MAHENDRA BAHADUR
SINGH :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to build two new shipyards during the Fifth Five Year Plan period ; and

(b) if so, what are the locations of these shipyards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI) : (a) and (b) A Techno-Economic Working Group set up by the Government recommended four possible sites setting up of two new shipyards in the Fifth Five Year Plan. There foreign consultants were engaged to prepare the Preliminary Project Reports on the four sites. The preliminary project reports have been received and are still under examination. A decision regarding location of the proposed shipyards can be taken only after the examination is completed.

SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA : I would like to know from the hon. Minister, which are the four places which are under consideration of the Government.

SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI : Sir, the Techno-economic Working Group had recommended four possible sites : Hazira in Gujarat, Curlavagani in Marmagoa, Paradeep in Orissa and Haldia in West Bengal.

SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA : What is the estimated cost of these four projects under consideration ?

SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI : Sir, there are no four projects as such. But the cost of each one of these may be in the neighbourhood of Rs. 120 to Rs. 150 crores.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Sawai Singh Sisodia.

SHRI BRAHMANANDA PANDA : I want to know from the Minister as to when the Government proposes to start work on these shipyards and whether they will start work simultaneously at the four places.

SHRI H. M. TRIVEDI : Sir, I must repeat that there is no proposal for a shipyard at each of the four places. The four sites which I have mentioned are possible sites for the construction of a shipyard. Therefore, the question of starting work simultaneously does not arise.

SHRIMATI SUMITRA G. KULKARNI: As the hon. Minister has just now stated, Hazira in Gujarat is one of the proposed sites for a future shipyard. In view of the fact that one-third of the coastline of the country is in Gujarat and Hazira is a beautiful place which can be developed into a beautiful port, will the hon. Minister give an assurance that it will be taken up on a priority basis and a little extra weightage will be given to Hazira ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : He will examine.

SHRIMATI SUMITRA G. KULKARNI: Let him say, Sir. He wants to say something.

डॉ० जी० एस० दिल्ली : ये तो आन्तरेत्न नेडी मेम्बर ने बडी अच्छी वाते बताई है, अच्छे ढंग से बनाया । अब बात आएगी तो उन को भी खयाल में रखेंगे ।

*363. [The questioner Shri Niranjan Singh Talib was absent. For answer Vide col. 29-30 infra]

COORDINATION BETWEEN RAIL AND ROAD TRANSPORT

*364. SHRI KASIM ALI ABID :

SHRI KHURSHED ALAM
KHAN :‡

SHRI GANESH LAL MALI :

SHRI PIARE LALL QUREEL
URF TALIB :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

‡The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Khurshed Alam Khan.