

**Funds for Slum Improvement for Poona**

1111. SHRIMATI SUSHILA SHANKAR ADIVAREKAR:  
SHRI VITHAL GADGIL:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sum of rupees one crore has been sanctioned under the Slum Improvement Scheme for Poona; and

(b) if so, what is the actual amount received by the Poona Municipal Corporation so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) 38 projects estimated to cost Rs. 76,03,046 have been sanctioned in respect of Poona during the years 1972-73 and 1973-74 under the Central Scheme for Environmental Improvement in Slum Areas.

(b) A sum of Rs. 19,39,000 has so far been released to the Government of Maharashtra. Amounts are released to the State Governments by the Centre.

**Fire on the Super-Tanker**

1112. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been a mysterious fire on the Indian tanker "Mobil Petroleum" off the African coast on the 15th September, 1973;

(b) if so, the cause of the fire; and

(c) the outcome of the investigations carried out?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMALAPATI TRIPATHI): (a) The super tanker MOBIL PETROLEUM is a Liberian vessel and not an Indian ship. Some minor fire is reported to have occurred on the ship between the 3rd and 5th September, 1973 when it was near the South East African coast.

(b) No investigation into the cause of the fire was made by the Director General of Shipping as the vessel is a foreign one and the fire accident took place in foreign waters.

(c) Does not arise.

**Coastal Shipping**

1113. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coastal Shipping has been found to be the most economical mode of transport among the coastal towns for carrying bulk cargo;

(b) if so, whether Government is thinking to go in a big way for Coastal Shipping and intend to increase Coastal Shipping tonnage; and

(c) if so, the broad outlines thereof including tonnage obtained from Rumania since 1972?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI KAMALAPATI TRIPATHI): (a) Coastal Shipping is generally regarded as an economical mode of transport for bulk commodities.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The tentative target for coastal dry cargo shipping in the 5th Plan is 6.00 lakhs GRT. This will involve substantial expansion from the current operative coastal dry cargo tonnage of 1.41 lakhs GRT. Orders have been placed in Rumania for 10 ships of 18,000 DWT each. One has been delivered recently and the remaining 9 are expected to be delivered by January, 1976.

**Development of National Capital Region**

1114. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the development plans of National Capital Region are under