

- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.

Regional office on National Waterway No.5

2576. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry considers to take expeditious steps to execute the project within a definite time-frame keeping in view cargo demand; and
- (b) whether the Ministry would consider to establish its regional office for the Eastern region at Bhubaneswar for better co-ordination on National Waterway No.5?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MUKUL ROY): (a) As and when there is a demand for a specific cargo movement on a National Waterway, suitable steps are taken for expeditious execution of such project.

- (b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Multipurpose berths

2577. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to develop multipurpose berths to handle clean cargo at various major ports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, port-wise;
- (c) the time by which the said multipurpose berths are likely to be completed; and
- (d) the benefits likely to accrue due to this?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A number of multipurpose berths to handle clean cargo etc. are proposed to be developed in major ports. A list of such multipurpose berths proposed to be developed port-wise with likely date of completion is given in the Statement (See below).

- (d) The development of multipurpose berths will augment the capacity of the ports, reduce congestion, enhance productivity level reduce turnaround time, and boost the industrial economy in the hinterland of concerned port as well as helps the import-export trade in the country.