

Funds for implementation of National Waterway No. 5

2594. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state whether the Ministry consider to take up the matter with Planning Commission/Department of Economic Affairs for allocation of funds for implementation of National Waterway No. 5 Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MUKUL ROY): Yes, Sir. A proposal for development of commercially viable stretches of the National Waterway - 5 has already been submitted to the Department of Economic Affairs for consideration under their scheme for India Infrastructure Project Development Fund (IIPDF) and Public Private Partnership (PPP) Pilot Project Initiative under the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Technical Assistance.

Mormugao Port

2595. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the 2nd Core Terminal Project at Berth No. 7 at the Mormugao port;
- (b) the reasons for the delay; and
- (c) the details of Government's action?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) The proposal 'Development of Coal Terminal at Berth No.7 in the Port of Mormugao' was awarded to Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) Operator in May, 2010. As per the original time frame, the project is to be completed within 36 months *i.e.* by May, 2013.

(b) There is some delay in the construction activities as Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance is still awaited from the statutory authorities under Government of Goa.

(c) Government has taken up the matter with the State Government of Goa for expediting the CRZ clearance for the project. The State Government of Goa has constituted an Empowered Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Government of Goa to resolve the issues.

Regional office for Eastern Region at Bhubaneshwar

2596. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is considering to take expeditious steps to execute the projects; and
- (b) whether the Ministry is considering to establish it's regional office for the Eastern region at Bhubaneshwar for better coordination on National Waterway No. 5?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MUKUL ROY): (a) The Geonkhali-Charbatia stretch of East Coast Canal along with Talcher-Dhamra stretch of Brahmani-Kharsua-Dhamra river system, Charbatia-Dhamra stretch of Matai river and Mangalgadi-Paradeep stretch of Mahanadi delta rivers (total length of 588 km) were declared as National Waterway-5 (NW-5) in November, 2008. However, no funds for the development of this waterway have been allocated during 11th plan period and the Planning Commission has suggested that the feasibility of development of the commercially viable stretches of this waterway be explored under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Action has been initiated to develop commercially viable stretches of NW-5 under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode through financial assistance of Asian Development Bank under the Pilot Project Initiative through Department of Economic Affairs.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration at this stage.

Passengers cruise landing in India

2597. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passenger cruise landings at Indian ports during each of the last three years, port-wise; and

(b) the initiative taken by Government to boost cruise tourism in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) The information is given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) The initiatives taken by Government to boost cruise tourism in the country are:

- (i) The Government has formulated Cruise Shipping Policy which enumerates the action plan for encouraging cruise tourism in India.
- (ii) Government has identified six ports in the country in the cruise circuit to provide facilities for the smooth handling of cruise vessels.
- (iii) Ministry of Tourism has a scheme to extend financial assistance for development of cruise infrastructure.

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The number of passenger-wise landings at Indian ports during last three years

Sl.No.	Name of Port	Year	No. of Vessels	Passengers
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Kolkata	2008-09	NIL	NIL
		2009-10	NIL	NIL
		2010-11	NIL	NIL