

(IWAI) is developing and maintaining various inland water transport infrastructure on this stretch which are namely:

- (i) Navigational channel with targeted depth and width in various stretches of the waterway;
- (ii) Navigational aids for day and night navigation; and
- (iii) Fixed and floating terminals at different locations to facilitate loading and unloading of cargo.

Different types of vessels are already plying on this waterway carrying cargo including over dimensional cargo. Besides, some inland cruise vessels carrying tourists also ply on the waterway from time to time.

**Utilisation of funds for port development projects**

†1860. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that an amount of Rs. 1,00,399 crore was allotted by Government for the ports development related schemes during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) if not, the details of the amount;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that of the said amount could not be fully utilised during the period; and
- (d) if so, the amount actually utilised during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. An outlay of Rs. 17,551.24 crore was approved for Major Ports at the beginning of the 11th Five Year Plan. However, the year-wise outlay allocated for Major Ports during 11th Five Year Plan was only Rs. 7471.02 crore, which included Government Budgetary Support (GBS) of Rs. 1025.69 crore only. The remaining Rs. 6445.33 crore was met by the Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources of the Ports.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As against the year-wise allocated outlay of Rs. 7471.02 crore for Major Ports, the utilisation was Rs. 4919.44 crore which is about 65.85% of the allocation.

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