

Regional office of IWTA at Bhubaneswar

1204. SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any inland water transport projects of the Odisha is pending with the Ministry;

(b) if so, mention the projects, their cost and the year in which the State Government submitted the projects;

(c) whether the Ministry would consider to take expeditious steps to execute the projects; and

(d) whether the Ministry would consider for setting up of a regional office of the Inland Water Transport Authority (IWTA) at Bhubaneswar for better coordination with State for implementation of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) The opening of an office of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in Odisha would be considered at a suitable location based on the likely time of commencement of the development works on National Waterways-5 (NW-5).

Development of inland water transport

1205. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) notifying 588 kilometer as National Waterways what steps have been taken by Government to develop inland water transport in these waterways;

(b) whether it is a fact that the estimated cost of development of the project is around Rs. 5000 crores and if so, what steps have been taken by the Ministry to obtain allocation of funds from the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance; and

(c) whether the Ministry would consider establishing the Regional Office for the Eastern Region at Bhubaneswar early to expedite execution of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MILIND DEORA): (a) and (b) Government has declared five waterways as the National

Waterways (NWs) in the country. Waterway covering East Coast Canal integrated with Brahmani River and Mahanadi Delta Rivers over a distance of about 588 kilometer has been notified as the National Waterway-5 (NW-5) in 2008. After declaration of NW-5, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has prepared a Detailed Project Report (DPR). The cost of the project was estimated at about Rs. 4200 crore in the year 2010. Meanwhile, Planning Commission has advised Government to develop more commercially viable stretches of NW-5 under Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode with Viability Gap Funding (VGF). Accordingly for reviewing the DPR and preparing and processing of PPP projects for developing the river portion (*i.e.* Talcher-Dhamra, Mangalgadi-Paradeep and Charbatia-Dhamra stretches-371 km.) of NW-5 in Phase-I, a transaction adviser (consultant) has been appointed by Department of Economic Affairs/Asian Development Bank in March, 2012.

(c) The opening of an office of IWAI in Odisha would be considered at a suitable location based on the likely time of commencement of the development works on NW-5.

Supply of subsidized foodgrains to BPL persons

1206. SHRI D. BANDYOPADHYAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the estimates of the Indian Council for Medical Research adult persons in urban area require consumption of 2100 calories per day while those in the rural areas require 2400 calories; and

(b) if so, the reason Government restricting the supply of subsidised foodgrains to persons below poverty line from 37.2 per cent to 29.8 per cent in 2009-10 thereby aggravating the hunger situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): (a) As per the information received from the Indian Council of Medical Research, a sedentary man and woman requires 2320 KCal/day and 1900 KCal/day respectively with average requirement of about 2100 KCal/day. For moderate activity, a man requires 2730 KCal/day and woman requires 2230 KCal/day with average requirement of around 2400 KCal/day.

(b) Government has not restricted the supply of subsidized foodgrains to persons below the poverty line from 37.2 per cent to 29.8 per cent in 2009-10. Under the