

**Shipping sector under PP mode**

1521. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPPNG be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is proposed to award around 30 projects in shipping sector under PP mode in the current fiscal, if so, the details with location thereof;
- (b) the status of two new projects i.e. development of major port-cum-ship building yards in Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal; and
- (c) whether any such project is also proposed to be taken up in the Odisha region, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) Government has fixed a target of awarding 30 port projects in the current financial year including projects under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. As on 20.08.2013, six projects have been awarded with an investment of Rs.2145.25 crores leading to capacity augmentation of 50.59 Million Tonne Per Annum.

(b) For the development of new major port in West Bengal, the Project consultant M/s. RITES Ltd. have submitted the Techno-Economic Feasibility Report for the project and action for appointment of Transaction Adviser has been initiated.

For development of new major port in Andhra Pradesh M/s RITES Ltd. has been appointed as consultant for preparing Techno-Economic Feasibility Report for the project.

(c) Two projects at Paradip Port namely (i) development of clean multi-cargo berth in southern dock with capacity of 5 MTPA and investment of Rs.387.31 crore and (ii) mechanisation of EQ-1 to EQ-3 berths with capacity of 22 MTPA and investment of Rs. 1000.00 crore have been included in the target of 30 projects for the current financial year.

**Satellite launch pad in the country**

1522. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) how many satellite launching pads are there in the country;
- (b) how many countries have used the satellite launching pads of India and how much amount Government has earned by allowing to use of satellite launching pads;