

Setting up of new major ports

2455. SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to set up new major ports in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to too many plans the actual execution is taking time; and

(c) if so, the steps Government is taking for speedy execution of projects?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has decided to set up two new major ports, one each at Sagar in West Bengal and Dugarajapatnam in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, following steps have been taken for the speedy execution of the projects:

- Empowered Committee on Secretaries, to resolve implementation related matter has been constituted.
- Port Limits of Dugarajapatnam has been notified.
- Techno-economic feasibility study has been conducted by M/s. RITES.
- Transaction Advisor for Sagar Port has been appointed and for Dugarajapatnam has been identified.
- Application for land acquisition has been made and the process for obtaining environmental clearance for Dugarajapatnam has been initiated.

Development projects under the Chennai-Ennore port infrastructure

2456. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed report on the financial and technical support provided for the development projects under the Chennai-Ennore Port infrastructure development project *viz.* Development of Chennai Mega Terminal, Adequate Road connectivity, Development of multi-level car parking facility, Integrated Dry Port and Multi-modal Logistics Hub near Sriperumbudur and the Development of Barge Handling Facility;