

- (c) whether such objections have been raised by Odisha and other States of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the suggestions and objections so raised by Odisha have, since, been considered; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) There is no proposal with this Ministry on Indian Ports Bill, 2011.

(b) to (f) However, Ministry had formulated a Draft Port Regulatory Bill and referred the bill to an Inter-Ministerial Task Force. The Task Force in its report submitted in July, 2012 concluded that since State Governments do not regulate port tariffs and the Draft Bill appears to be an unnecessary intervention in their operations. Based on recommendations of the Task Force, it was decided by the Government not to pursue the enactment of Port Regulatory Authority Bill.

Development of inland water transport in Odisha

3521. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Odisha Government has been making repeated requests for developing inland waterways transport system in the region to help improve the economic position of this State;
- (b) the details of such proposals along with the status of individual projects;
- (c) whether some of such projects are proposed to be taken up under PPP mode;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of projects that have since been approved for execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The proposals received from Odisha Government for the development of inland navigation include the following:

- (i) Development of National Waterways -5 (NW- 5) which includes East Coast canal integrated with Brahmani River and Mahanadi delta river in the State of West Bengal and Odisha covering about 588 km.

- (ii) Development of river Mahanadi
- (iii) Development of remaining portion of river Brahmani, Baitarani and canal system in the coastal district.

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is responsible for developing the NWs. Therefore, after the declaration of NW- 5, a detailed project report for its development for shipping and navigation was prepared. However, the Planning Commission advised that the possibility of developing commercially viable stretches of this waterway under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode may be explored. Accordingly, after conducting meeting with the stakeholders IWAI explored the possibility of developing the identified commercially viable stretches under PPP mode. However, this was not found feasible. Steps have now been taken to develop NW-5 in a phased manner with budgetary support. In this regard a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of Odisha, Paradip Port and Dhamra Port Company Ltd. was signed by IWAI on 30th June, 2014 for developing the commercially viable stretch of 332 km. in two phases.

Plan for Narmada-Malwa rivers link

†3522. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the action plan of the Narmada-Malwa rivers linking campaign for sharing of river waters in Madhya Pradesh along with the names of the rivers which would be linked with the river Narmada under the campaign and the quantum of water to be shared under the target set;
- (b) the expenditure estimated for the project along with the expenditure involved in linking each river with the river Narmada as well as the amount of aid sought from the Central Government and by when this aid is expected to be granted; and
- (c) the amount of the Central aid to be provided for the treatment of the Kshipra water and for the Narmada-Kshipra rivers linking project in view of Simhastha-2016, Kumbha Purva?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) As per the order dated 27.02.2012 of Hon'ble Supreme Court,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.