

Sagar Mala Project

407. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has envisaged Sagar Mala project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether 12 smart cities at India's major ports and 1208 islands would be developed under the project;
- (d) if so, whether Kolkata and Haldia Ports, Sagar Island, Nayachar in West Bengal are included for setting up of smart cities and development of islands;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(b) The Sagarmala Project incorporating Port Led Development entails augmentation of capacity of existing ports and improving their efficiency, creating new and satellite ports, strengthening evacuation infrastructure including rail and road connectivity, promoting coastal and cruise shipping and inland waterways transportation in order to promote economic development. Development of Industrial zones, clusters and parks, establishment of logistics hubs, skill building of local population and strengthening livelihood options including fisheries, aquaculture, recreational tourism locally will be integral part of the Sagarmala Project.

(c)to(f) Port based urbanisation and holistic development of islands across the country are integral components of the Sagarmala Project.

Maritime colleges

408. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Maritime Colleges in the country;
- (b) the number of students so far passed out of those colleges but remained unemployed; and

(c) how many students are receiving financial assistance for onboard ship training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.) : (a) The Director General of Shipping, Government of India has recognized 134 maritime training institutes, out of which 81 are conducting pre-sea training courses for trainee officers/ cadets and trainee ratings and 53 of them are post-sea training institutes which offer specialized programs for full-fledged officers in both Nautical and Engineering stream.

(b) It is estimated that around 4000 cadets/students, who have so far passed out from various maritime colleges/ institutions are unemployed, as they could not find training berths for mandatory on-board ship training.

(c) Ministry of Shipping, Government of India has recently introduced a Central Sector Scheme of Financial Assistance for On-board Ship Training for Indian Merchant Navy Cadets/trainees for training on foreign flag ships for candidates who have passed out in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Applications for financial assistance have been received from 286 such candidates.

Ship breaking industry

409. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that our country is one of the biggest destination for ship breaking industry;

(b) if so, the details of safety measures undertaken at the port/places where ship breaking are undertaken;

(c) whether Government has made any specific policy regarding the safety and environment protection of the place concerned; and

(d) how many places in India are concerned with such industry and the net revenue gained to Government from this industry?

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