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#### **Congestion at Chennai port**

2541. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ports which are having congestion problem;
- (b) whether Chennai Port is facing congestion problem; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by Government to solve the problem of congestion there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) Chennai Port and Jawaharlal Nehru Port have congestion problem.

(c) To resolve the congestion problem in Chennai Port, following steps have been taken:

- (i) Two road projects namely 'Ennore – Mannali Road Improvement Project' and 'Elevated Four Line Road Projects from Chennai Port to Maduravoyal' have been conceived for reducing the congestion problem.
- (ii) Chennai Port has entered into a MoU with Southern Railway for providing two additional railway lines from the Port to the National Railway System (NRS).

#### **Plan for construction of greenfield sea port in Kanyakumari**

2542. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to construct a greenfield sea port in Enayam, Kanyakumari;

(b) if so, why Government is going ahead with this project even though experts say that constructing a port in Enayam is a bad idea, as even a natural fishing harbor is not there;

(c) whether it is a fact that at least 10 fishermen villages near Enayam would have to be vacated for the project; and