

**Passenger vessel grounded in premises of MPT**

\*162. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a passenger vessel is grounded in the premises of Mormugao Port Trust (MPT) for the last two years;
- (b) whether the vessel has recently tilted giving rise to the possibility of oil leakage into the sea;
- (c) whether various authorities dealing with pollution control are engaged in collecting samples from the sea-waters;
- (d) whether MPT has sent any report to the Central Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Changes has taken any remedial measures on the request of any central agency or otherwise; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) The passenger vessel M.V. Qing was grounded on 29.06.2016 in the leased premises of Western India Shipyard Ltd. (WISL) at Mormugao Port Trust (MPT).

- (b) On account of heavy rains water entered the vessel which tilted resulting in oil leakages from the bilge water.
- (c) Goa State Pollution Control Board has collected water samples from sea.
- (d) Mormugao Port Trust has reported the status to Ministry of Shipping on 15/7/2016.
- (e) No, Sir.
- (f) Does not arise.

**Supply of water for irrigation in drought hit areas**

†\*163. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating an action plan to provide underground water for agriculture in the drought hit areas like Bundelkhand;

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(b) if so, by when the work is planned to be started so that farmers may get relief; and

(c) the steps Government is taking for the storage of water and management of other sources if it is contemplating any such scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION (SUSHRI UMA BHARATI): (a) to (c) Water being a State subject, planning, execution, operation and maintenance of water resources projects are undertaken by the concerned State Governments as per their own resources and priorities. In order to supplement the efforts of State Governments, MoWR, RD & GR provides technical and financial assistance to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes of this Ministry such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP), Repair, Renovation and Restoration (RRR) of water bodies, Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) etc. under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) etc.

Arjun Sahayak Project of Uttar Pradesh and Bariyarpur, Singhpur and Sindh Phase-II irrigation projects of Madhya Pradesh benefitting Bundelkhand area, have been included under AIBP for providing Central Assistance, during the current year.

This Ministry is working on Ken-Betwa Interlinking of rivers project. This project is likely to irrigate an area of 6.35 lakh ha. in the districts of Chhatarpur, Panna, Tikamgarh in M.P. and Mahoba, Jhansi, Banda in U.P. in the Bundelkhand region. In addition, it will provide drinking water facilities to 1.4 million people in the area. The estimated cost of the project is ₹ 18000 crores. The project has received in principle clearance of the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife.

#### **Four laning of Vilraya-Panvari road in Uttar Pradesh**

†\*164. DR. CHANDRAPAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the roads identified by Government for the purpose of four-laning of National Highways in the country; and

(b) whether Vilraya-Panvari road in Uttar Pradesh has been selected under this project and if so, the details regarding the commencement of work?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) The Ministry has taken up various phases of National Highways Development Project (NHDP).

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