

Introduction of digital tracking system of containers

836. SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, with a view to introduce transparency in the container operation, is going to introduce digital tracking system of containers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) what are the features of this digital tracking system and by when it would be made fully operational;

(d) whether Government intends to introduce this digital tracking system in other major ports also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when the system would be introduced in other major ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (e) Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT) has signed an agreement with Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation on 14.04.2016. Commercial Operation of Logistics Data Bank (LDB) Project has been operationalized at JNPT *w.e.f.* 01.07.2016 on a pilot basis. The logistics Data Bank Service would bring efficiency in the current Logistics and Supply Chain environment through use of information technology that would be helpful for tracking and viewing the movement of containers across the port to the ICD and end users.

Each container is tagged with RFID tag at JNPT and the same can be tracked through different RFID readers installed at different locations. This will provide visibility and transparency an EXIM container movement. This would also help in reducing overall lead time of the container movement across the western corridor and lower the transaction cost incurred by the shippers and consignees as a result of predictability and optimization achieved through Logistics Data Bank (LDB) services.

Plan to start Roll-on and Roll-off service for transportation in Ganga

837. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plan to start Roll-on and Roll-off (RO-RO) service to transport cars between Kolkata-Varanasi stretch of river Ganga in near future;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Jal Marg Vikas project between Allahabad and Haldia on river Ganga is taken up speedily;
- (d) if so, the amount of money Government proposes to spend on this project;
- (e) whether any time limit has been fixed for completion of the said project; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and M/s Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. for transportation of cars through inland vessels. IWAI has deployed one vessel at Varanasi for this purpose. The IWAI has planned transportation of cars from Varanasi to Kolkata on National Waterway-1 *i.e.* River Ganga.

(c) to (f) Yes, Sir. "Jal Marg Vikas" has been commissioned with technical and financial assistance of the World Bank for capacity augmentation of National Waterway - 1 from Haldia to Allahabad (1620 km). The project aims at developing the fairway to enable safe navigation of at least 1,500 ton vessels. The project would be completed over a period of six years at an estimated cost of ₹ 4,200 crore.

Regulation of ship breaking industries

838. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a committee was formed to regulate various activities of ship breaking industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details regarding the number of ships received for breaking during each of the last three years and the current year, location-wise; and
- (d) the details regarding the quantity of steel generated from ship breaking during that period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Ship Breaking Scrap Committee has been constituted to streamline measures relating to modernization/upgradation of ship breaking