

- (b) what are the reasons for delay in setting up of Sagarmala Development Company;
- (c) the impact on National Perspective Plan and DPRs for projects in the absence of Sagarmala Development Company; and
- (d) in view of the above, how the Ministry is planning to go ahead?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir. Sagarmala Cell was set up on 01st May, 2015.

(b) After inter-ministerial consultation and EFC's concurrence the proposal for setting up Sagarmala Development Company (SDC) was approved by Union Cabinet on 20th July, 2016. Accordingly, Sagarmala Development Company Ltd. was incorporated on 31st August, 2016.

(c) There was no impact on the planning work being undertaken for Sagarmala Programme. The National Perspective Plan (NPP) for the Sagarmala Programme was prepared and released by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 14th April 2016. As per the approved Cabinet note of Sagarmala Programme, the implementation of the projects shall be done by the line Ministries, State Governments/State Maritime Boards (SMBs) and SPVs and the SDC will provide a funding window and/or implement only those residual projects that cannot be funded by any other means/mode.

(d) Does not arise.

Study on viability of new major port at Enayam

2217. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken enough study on the viability of a new major port at Enayam, near Colachel in Tamil Nadu when another major port within a distance of 40 kilometres at Vizhinjam in Kerala, cleared by Government, is already being constructed;
- (b) if so, the reasons to establish a new port nearby;
- (c) the financial commitment of the Central and State Governments to these two ports, port-wise; and
- (d) the estimated revenue from these ports likely to be generated per annum, port-wise and the estimated period of their completion, port-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per Techno-Economic Feasibility Report (TEFR), **Enayam** is the best location to develop a sea port on account of multiple criteria viz, functionally, construction and possibility of expansion, connectivity and environment issues involved. The proposed site also has the geographical advantage in terms close proximity to the International East-West Shipping Route and availability of 20m draft near the shoreline. Given the traffic projections, both the proposed ports can co-exist complementarily.

(c) There is no financial commitment from the Central or State Government.

(d) For the proposed port at Enayam, details would be available after DPR is finalised.

As regards, Vizhinjam Port in Kerala, it is expected to be completed and start commercial operations by December, 2019. Estimated annual revenue is expected to be ₹ 91 crore by the first year from its becoming operational.

Operationalisation of Kottapuram-Kozhikode stretch of National waterways

2218. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concrete proposals for fund allocation and time-frame for completion are considered to make the Kottapuram-Kozhikode stretch of national waterway operational; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKHL. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) Work for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been awarded for Kottapuram-Kozhikode stretch. Fund requirements, time-frame and development works will be decided based on the outcome of the DPR.

Development of lighthouses at ports as tourist places

2219. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is contemplating on developing the lighthouses at ports as tourist places; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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

(b) Out of 78 lighthouses identified for developing as centres of tourist attraction,