

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the waterways are not fit for the use for want of proper maintenance;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of action taken by Government on their announcement to commence transportation on Allahabad, Kanpur, Patna waterway?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Various measures taken for development of waterway include (i) providing navigational channel and infrastructure on the three national waterways, (ii) facilitating development of waterways by the State Governments through Centrally Sponsored Scheme and (iii) conducting studies leading to preparation of detailed project report for the development of waterways.

(b) No, Sir. Almost the entire stretch on National Waterways is navigable.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) From time to time, voyages have been undertaken, by the vessels of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation and Inland Waterways Authority of India, to demonstrate navigability of river Ganga between Allahabad and Patna. Further, efforts will be made for starting fixed schedule demonstration run between Allahabad and Patna from July, 2005 onwards for most part of the year. Kanpur does not fall on the National Waterway system.

Progress of Sagarmala Project

1014. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

SHRI ROBERT KHARSHIING:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sagarmala Project announced by Government with a proposed outlay of Rs. 10,000 crores has not made any progress;

(b) what is the budget provision made for the project during the current year;

(c) what are the project which are proposed to be taken up particularly in the initial stages; and

(d) whether the entire outlay is proposed to be funded by the Central Government from budgetary sources and if so how long would it take to complete the project?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) 'Sagarmala' for rapid capacity expansion and modernization of ports along India's West and East coasts was amongst the new initiatives announced by the then Prime Minister on 15th August, 2003. Development of Inland Navigation is also to be a part of 'Sagarmala'. The announcement did not indicate the proposed outlay. However, as a first step, integrated development of Nhava Sheva (Jawaharlal Nehru Port) and Kochi (Cochin) ports, at a cost of Rs. 7500 crores was to begin.

Pursuant to the announcement, an outline of 'Sagarmala' programme was prepared and an outlay of Rs. 24.48 crores was provided in the Interim Budget for 2004-05 for activities to be taken up under the programme. Investment in the programme to be attracted is estimated to be over Rs. 100,000 crores spread over the next 10 years. The various activities under the programme are proposed to be taken up and executed through public private partnership with major portion of the investments coming from the private sector. Investments from public funds including budgetary support are proposed for certain identified areas of activity. However, the proposal for approval of the Competent Authority to the Programme outline could not be processed to its finality. The outlay of Rs. 24.48 crores for the programme has been retained in the main Budget 2004-05.

International Ship and Port Security Code

1015. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a comprehensive land policy for major port trusts has been finalized;

(b) if so, the features of this land policy;

(c) whether the domestic shipping industry and the port sector are implementing the new International Ship and Port Security Code;