

Cargo handling facilities in Odisha ports

1732. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Odisha Government has urged the Ministry to suitably enhance cargo handling facilities in the existing ports of Odisha so that the transportation cost of major goods like coal can be reduced; and

(b) if so, the action Government proposes to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) No such proposal has been received from Commerce & Transport (Commerce) Department, Government of Odisha. However, Paradip Port Trust (PPT) has taken number of initiatives to enhance cargo handling facilities to reduce transportation cost of major goods like coal. The details of some of the major initiatives are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of major initiatives undertaken by the Paradip Port Trust to enhance cargo handling facilities to reduce transportation costs of major goods like coal

- (i) Development of multipurpose clean cargo berth on BOT basis;
- (ii) Development of new Iron Ore Berth on BOT basis;
- (iii) Development of coal Berth for handling import coal cargo;
- (iv) Mechanization of EQ-1,2 & 3 Berths for handling export coal cargo.

Cyber attack on Mumbai Port computer network

1733. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Petya Malware Cyber Attack has taken place recently on Mumbai Port terminal computer units;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent of the affect of the Malware; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken by Government to ward off such cyber attacks in future, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) No such attack took place at the terminal of Mumbai Port. However, the Arnold Peter Moller (APM) Maersk Terminal, one of the four container terminals operating at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), reported a Cyber attack on their Terminal Operating System at 4:30 PM on 27.06.2017. This attack had affected all the facilities of APM Maersk Group in Europe and in India, having the corporate office

at Copenhagen, Denmark and their central IT infrastructure at the The Hague. The APM terminal achieved back normal performance parameters from the evening of 4th July, 2017.

(d) Major Ports have been advised to coordinate with National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC) for cyber security audit. NCSC has been requested to hold sensitisation workshop to help frame appropriate draft guidelines with respect to Cyber Security to be implemented by the ports. In addition, to prevent Ransomware attacks, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) has also taken the following steps:

- i. Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has issued an advisory regarding detection and prevention of Petya Ransomware on its website on 27th June, 2017.
- ii. Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has issued a vulnerability note on its website suggesting information regarding vulnerabilities in Microsoft Windows Systems which have been exploited by Petya Ransomware alongwith remedial measures.
- iii. Free tools for detection and removal of bots including Petya Ransomware have been provided on the website of Cyber Swachhta Kendra (www.cyberswachhtakendra.gov.in)

Privatisation of cargo berths at Chennai Port

1734. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to further privatise cargo berths at Chennai port;
- (b) if so, which berths are being considered by Government; and
- (c) whether the stakeholder and Tamil Nadu Government has been consulted before privatisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Dredging of Brahmaputra river

1735. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government and the Assam Government had signed an agreement for dredging the Brahmapura river;