

Impact of Sagarmala projects

2850. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted or is aware of any study on the impact of multiple Sagarmala Projects on coastal communities and ecology and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure safety of ten lakh citizens in North Chennai, who are susceptible to floods in Kosasthalaiyar river, due to the Kamrajur Port in Ennur, and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) Sagarmala Programme is a port led development initiative of Government of India, under which more than 600 projects are being implemented by different stakeholders. Under Sagarmala Programme, study of impact on coastal communities and ecology is undertaken project-wise. There is no study undertaken for programme as a whole as shelf of projects under Sagarmala Programme is dynamic and evolving with passage of time.

(c) and (d) The development of Kamarajar Port Limited has been undertaken based on detailed Environmental Impact Assessment and thereafter clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Further, the operation of Kamarajar Port Limited is not leading to flooding in Kosasthalai river and KPL has already undertaken dredging of Ennore Creek.

Fertilizers transport through foreign vessels

2851. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has taken a decision to permit transportation of fertilizers through foreign vessels from one port to another in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the formalities to be followed under this system?