

(d) As per the statistics available with Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) there is continual improvement in handling at JNPT and it has not lost any business to other Non-Major Ports or Private ports.

(e) JNPT has not reported loss of revenue during FY 2018-19.

(f) The Government has relaxed Cabotage under section 406 & 407 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, for coastal movement of Agriculture, horticulture, fisheries and animal husbandry commodities. The said relaxation has given wider geographical spread for distribution of fertilizers for the benefit of farming community.

#### **Development of National Waterway No. 64**

1719. SHRI NARENDRAKUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any step to initiate development/procurement activities for Mahanadi-Luna river National Waterway No. 64 in Odisha during financial year 2018-19;

(b) the projected expenditure for the development of Mahanadi-Luna river National Waterway for the next three years;

(c) whether Government has made any budgetary provision or planned to arrange funds from extra budgetary resources during the financial year 2018-19;

(d) whether Government has any plan to arrange funds from Central Road and Infrastructure fund; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has taken up the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of river Mahanadi-Luna (NW-64) for a stretch of 98 kms in Odisha. Findings/ outcome of the DPR decides the contours of development of a National Waterway and expenditure to be incurred thereon.

(c) to (e) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) and (b) above.

#### **Inter-connectivity of all ports**

1720. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to augment the inter-connectivity of all ports located in the State of Tamil Nadu for the swift movement of goods;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (c) The operational Cargo handling Major and Non-Major ports in the State of Tamil Nadu are at Kattupalli, Ennore, Chennai, Thirukkadaiyur, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam and Tuticorin. Major Ports at Ennore, Chennai and Tuticorin and Non-Major Ports at Kattupalli have inter connectivity with each other for movements of goods.

Other Non-Major ports at Thirukkadaiyur, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam are captive in nature and the cargo imported / exported is consumed / produced by the captive industry. Hence the question of movement of cargo / inter connectivity does not arise.

#### **Deep sea port in Bay of Bengal**

1721. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up a deep sea port in the Bay of Bengal;
- (b) if so, whether Government has made any agreement with Bangladesh Government to set up the port in joint venture;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, proposal of Government, if any, thereto; and
- (d) proposal of Government to connect Chittagong Port with Kolkata and/or Haldia and/or revival of Tajpur project?

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

(b) and (c) There is no proposal for an India-Bangladesh Joint Venture to set up a deep sea port in Bay of Bengal.

(d) Chittagong Port is already connected to Kolkata and Haldia Ports through waterways and coastal shipping agreement between India and Bangladesh. Currently, there are 5 container feeder vessels regularly plying between Kolkata/Haldia and Chittagong Ports. There is no proposal for revival of Tajpur Project.

#### **Development of inland waterways in Andhra Pradesh**

1722. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the matter of development of Inland Waterways in the State of Andhra Pradesh, for which a hydrographic survey has been completed to develop waterways corridor from Kakinada to Madras;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of project;
- (c) the funds proposed to be allocated for the project;
- (d) whether any funds have been released so far, if so, the details thereof;