

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2850
ANSWERED ON-07.01.2019**

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 Kamarajar Port in Ennur, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)**

(a)&(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)&(d) The development of Kamarajar Port Limited has been undertaken based on detailed Environmental Impact Assessment and thereafter clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forest & 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.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2851
ANSWERED ON- 07.01. 2018

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?

ANSWER

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(a)&(b) The Ministry of Shipping has given relaxation to foreign vessels for carriage of fertilizer from one port to another port within the country under section 407 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958. The foreign flag ships are now not required to obtain a license from the Director General of Shipping for engaging in coastal trade for carriage of fertilizer by sea.

(c) The relaxation is subject to the condition that the information as per the format prescribed in the relaxation order is submitted to the Director General of Shipping by email at least 24 hours prior to sail of ship from a port in India. The relaxation shall also be subject to the condition that Indian law enforcement agencies, including India Navy, Coast Guard, State Maritime Police and Customs, shall be allowed to board such ships any time in the sea for ascertaining the bonafide credentials of the ships/crew.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2852
ANSWERED ON- 07.01.2019

MAJOR PORT IN ANDHRA PRADESH

2852. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has informed Andhra Pradesh Government that it is not viable or feasible to establish a major port in Duggirajapatnam;
- (b) the details of all such communications along with dates and contents;
- (c) the details of the written response of the State Government to the above communications;
- (d) whether it is a fact that an earlier study by RITES found Ramayapatnam to be a suitable location for setting up of a major port; and
- (e) whether the agreement signed by Andhra Pradesh Government with Krishnapatnam promoters constrain Government in setting up a major port in its proximity, if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b) NITI Aayog vide their OM dated 27.07.2017 has conveyed the record of discussion (RoD) held on 29.12.2016 under the Chairmanship of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog to Government of Andhra Pradesh wherein it has been concluded that the project will not be viable due to strong competition from nearby Ports of Krishnapatnam, Ennore and Chennai which are 40, 80 & 80 Kms away respectively from the proposed Port. Ministry of Shipping vide its letter dated 05.03.2018 has also forwarded the aforesaid RoD to Government of Andhra Pradesh with the request to furnish comments on the Report of NITI Aayog and to suggest alternate site(s) for development of Major Port in Andhra Pradesh. A reminder was also sent to Government of Andhra Pradesh to expedite the matter on 05.04.2018.

(c) No response has been received from Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) & (e) Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that M/s RITES has conducted a TEFRR Study during October, 2017 on behalf of the State Government, and has opined that Port Project at Ramayapatnam is financially viable. Further, the State Government has also informed that as a policy it can negotiate with Concessionaire and can establish a new Port within the Exclusive Rights area by providing proper compensatory mechanism to the Concessionaire.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2853
ANSWERED ON- 07.01.2019

INDIA'S ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SITTWE PORT

2853. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sittwe Port in Myanmar constructed with India's assistance is ready for operation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof together with the total cost of the project;
- (c) whether the port is aimed to facilitate connectivity between the main land and the North Eastern States of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and extent to which it would contribute to the economic development of the North Eastern States?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b) Infrastructure at Sittwe Port in Myanmar constructed with India's assistance is ready for operation. A Bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Government of India and Myanmar on 22.10.2018 for operationalization of the Port at Sittwe and Inland Water Transport (IWT) Terminals at Sittwe and Paletwa. The approved construction cost of Sittwe Port and Inland Water Terminals at Sittwe and Paletwa is Rs. 517.29 crore.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Construction of Sittwe Port is part of the Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Project. It's objective is to create a multi-modal sea, river and road transport corridor for shipment of cargo from the eastern ports of India to Myanmar through Sittwe port as well as to North-Eastern part of India via Myanmar. Once fully operational, the project would encourage investment and trade and also open up alternate routes for connectivity to India's North East Region.
