

**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:** In view of the fact that this scrap has been lying since the last many years, have the **Railway Ministry** made any plan to utilise this scrap during this present emergency as quickly as possible?

**Shri Shah Nawaz Khan:** Yes, we have authorised the different railways to act in the manner they consider fit.

#### Pondicherry Port

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\*275. { **Shri Kapur Singh:**  
**Shri P. K. Ghosh:**

Will the **Minister of Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pondicherry Administration has urged the Union Transport Ministry to take steps to provide Pondicherry Port with sufficient traffic in view of the facilities being created there; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Government of India in this regard?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No. 63].

**Shri Buta Singh:** May I know what difficulties have come in the way of providing sufficient traffic to this port?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** The Pondicherry pier has been opened recently, and steps have been taken as indicated in the statement, to augment the traffic.

#### Ship-launching at Nagasaki for Jayanti Shipping Corporation

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\*276. { **Shri Indrajit Gupta:**  
**Shri Daji:**

Will the **Minister of Transport and Communications** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new ship for the Jayanti Shipping Corporation has

been built and launched at the Nagasaki Shipyard Japan;

(b) if so, the type of the vessel and its tonnage; and

(c) the total cost of its construction?

**The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The vessel is a single screw motor bulk carrier of about 32,250 D.W.T.

(c) The contract price of the vessel is U.S. Dollars 4,491,000 (approximately Rs. 2.1 crores).

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** What are the arrangements made by the Jayanti Shipping Corporation for payment for this vessel? How is the cargo for this vessel? How is the corporation going to pay for this ship? Is the vessel going to be chartered by any petroleum or oil company?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** This is a bulk carrier. It will be used for carrying either foodgrains or iron ore etc. for our country or in cross trade. In case it is employed in Indian trade, it will save foreign exchange for us, and if it is employed for cross trade, it will earn foreign exchange for us.

So far as payment is concerned, 10 per cent of the price will be paid by the company from out of its own resources, and 90 per cent of the price will be met out of the loan in case they need it.

**Shri Indrajit Gupta:** May I know whether there were any special circumstances which warranted the presence of the Finance Minister, the Shipping Minister and the Indian Ambassador in Japan, at the time of the launching of this vessel?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** The Finance Minister during his tour which had already been fixed for Japan happened to be in Japan at the time