

the UPFC reserve certain vacancies for them.

Mr. Speaker: For higher posts?

Shri Shah nawaz Khan: Yes.

Port Development Programme

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Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shri Jaganatha Rao:
Shri Heda:
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Shri Tangamani:
Shri N. R. Munisamy:
Sardar Iqbal Singh:

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

(a) whether Government had approached the World Bank to assist our Port Development Programme;

(b) whether the World Bank has sent any team to India for studying our Port Development Projects; and

(c) the progress so far made in that regard?

The Minister of States in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). Yes Sir.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha. [See Appendix IV, annexure No. 40].

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Sometime ago the Transport Minister had said that the World Bank had refused to give any loan for construction of a dry dock at Visakhapatnam. May I know whether this will also be considered by the Bank now because Visakhapatnam is included in the statement?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We approached the World Bank for loan for the development projects of the Ports, more particularly the foreign content thereof in respect of Calcutta, Bombay, Madras and Visakhapatnam ports, as also for a dry dock at Visakhapatnam and a dredger-cum-survey launching pool. The matter is under considera-

tion of the Bank. The team did at one time say that the last two items were not included in their terms of reference.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: What are the foreign exchange requirements for the four ports mentioned in the statement?

Shri Raj Bahadur: For all these projects, we require as much as Rs. 38,67,55,000 of foreign exchange.

Shri N. R. Munisamy: May I know whether, while visiting these four ports, the mission also went to the ports of Dharwar and Cochin?

Shri Raj Bahadur: They essentially came for these four major ports which have experienced a larger volume of traffic, for which we have to cater.

Shri Damani: May I know whether the idle capacity of the important ports has been brought under use?

Shri Raj Bahadur: So far as the ports of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Visakhapatnam are concerned, occasionally there might be a little idle capacity, but by and large, they keep fully busy in accordance with the volume of traffic that flows in.

Shri N. R. Munisamy: The Port Development programme envisages not the development of these 4 ports only but also of other ports like Cochin, Dharwar etc. So, why were they not taken to other ports so that they may have an idea of the overall picture of development?

Shri Raj Bahadur: We took the relative importance of the ports into consideration. Each of these ports however, has its own development programme.

पदसल

*११३१. श्री विभूति मिश्र : क्या वास्तु तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने पदसल को साफ करने का कोई नया तरीका निकाला है ; और