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Title: Need to expedite the construction of port at Ramayapatnam in Prakasam district in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI ADALA PRABHAKARA REDDY (NELLORE): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I thank you for allowing me to raise a very important issue pertaining to my State of Andhra Pradesh. As per the A.P. Reorganisation Act, 2014 the construction of a major port at Dugarajapatnam in Nellore district was envisaged but due to a number of reasons the experts have found that the site is not suitable.

In view of this situation, a demand is being revived again to shift the proposed port-cum-shipyard and locate it at Ramayapatnam in Prakasam district as the site is found to be more suitable for the construction of a major port.

In fact, the proposal to construct a port at Dugarajapatnam in Nellore district was mooted much before the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh State and a technical committee was appointed. The expert committee found that Dugarajapatnam in Nellore district was not suitable, as the Space Research Station (SHAR) is located in the vicinity and further the Pulicat lake is also in its vicinity. The construction of a port would jeopardise the lake, it was pointed out.

The then Congress Government, then, suggested in 2013 that the port be located at Ramayapatnam in Prakasam district. It offered to bear the land acquisition cost as also provide relief and rehabilitation package cost. The total outlay of the port, at that time, was estimated at Rs. 25,000 crore.

Hon. Speaker Sir, through you, I would like to request the Government to take up this matter on an urgent basis.

Thank you.

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