

[Translation]

### Development of Inland Waterways in Gujarat

4329. SHRIMATI BHAVNA CHIKHLIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenditure incurred on the development of inland waterways in Gujarat under the Centrally financed schemes during each of the last three years; and

(b) the progress made so far under these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No expenditure has been incurred by the Central Govt. However, the Govt. of Gujarat has informed recently that an amount of Rs. 6.52 lakhs has been incurred till November, 1992.

(b) Detailed hydrographic survey, land survey, site investigations etc. have been completed in respect of a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of waterway between Bhadbhut and Bharuch and provision of landing facilities at the mouth of river Narmada.

[English]

### Privatisation of Port Sector

4330. SHRI D. PANDIAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the areas and sectors which are contemplated to be privatised in the ports and docks in the country;

(b) whether any NRI has offered to take over any port; and

(c) if so, the nature of the offer and the

response of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Privatisation in port sector is already in vogue in some aspects of Port activities like stevedoring, clearing and forwarding of consignments and operation of cargo handling equipments at some ports. The other areas contemplated for privatisation are development and operation of berths, container terminals, warehouses, pilotage and dry dock facilities etc.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

### Bridges in Tamil Nadu

4331. DR. (SHRIMATI) K.S. SOUNDARAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of bridges constructed in Tamil Nadu by the Union Government during the last ten years; and

(b) the number of those out of them in respect of which toll tax plaza are over and the number of those where these are still continuing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 24 Numbers.

(b) Bridge Fee collection has been completed on two bridges and it is continuing on two others. Bridge fee collection on another bridge has been suspended due to Court Orders.

### C.D. Ratio

4332. SHRI K. PRADANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: