

dial measures for its development. The Committee consisted of the following :

1. Sarvashri—

K. N. Srinivasan, Development Adviser, Ministry of Transport & Shipping—Chairman (Upto 14-11-67).

2. R. R. Sukhrani, Development Adviser, Ministry of Transport and Shipping—Chairman (from 15-11-67 onwards).

3. Dr. D. V. Joglekar, Rtd., Director, Central Water & Power Research Station, Poona—Member.

4. C. V. Gole, Director, Central Water & Power Research Station, Poona—Member.

5. S. P. Sarathy, River Surveyor, Calcutta Port Commissioners—Member.

6. P. T. Malla Reddy, Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh—Member.

7. M. Satyanandam, State Port Officer, Government of Andhra Pradesh—Member-Secretary.

The Committee submitted its report to the Government of Andhra Pradesh in January 1968.

The report envisaged certain works, estimated to cost Rs. 125 lakhs, which, if completed, would enable the port to handle about 6 lakh metric tonnes of cargo annually. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported that they propose to include these works in the Fourth Plan. Meanwhile, they propose to prepare detailed estimates for the recommended works.

KRISHNAPATNAM PORT

3235. SHRI G. S. REDDI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the fact that Krishnapatnam port has natural advantages as a minor port and as per the hydrographic survey conducted in 1960 and the Navigation Chart printed last year whether Govt. propose taking it up during the coming plan as per the recommendations of the Special Officer of the Union Ministry of Transport; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for providing more facilities such as (1) Timber jetties (2) Tug, (3) improvement of approach road (4) electrification of the

port area; (5) staff quarters (6) water supply (7) mechanical buoys (8) establishment charges totalling to about Rs. 27.70 lakhs so that the port takes up to active trade which is anticipated to be about 1 lakh tons annually initially ?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING (DR. V. K. R. V. RAO) : (a) and (b). The executive responsibility for the development of ports other than Major ports vests in the State Government. Krishnapatnam is a minor port. The Officer on Special Duty of the Ministry of Transport, who was appointed in 1955 to assess the development works that were required under the Second Five Year Plan to enable minor ports to be modernised and improved to meet the growing needs of trade in the country, suggested the under-mentioned schemes in respect of Krishnapatnam port :

One transit shed;
two jetties;
approach road;
port and customs offices & workmen's quarters;
navigational aids;
dredging
sounding and observations
lighters

The State Government have reported that during the Second Plan Period, they undertook the following works, in addition to the Hydrographic survey conducted by the Indian Navy : Approach road; ports & customs office building (acquired from the State Forest Department); and installation of Aga Light. They have also reported that during the Third Plan period, works relating to the protection of the Northern bank of river Khandaleru, provision of a dredger, construction of a bridge across the Buckingham Canal and construction of a transit shed were undertaken and are likely to be completed shortly.

The State Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported that works estimated to cost Rs. 27.70 lakhs are proposed to be executed during the Fourth Plan which is yet to be finalised.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY IN ANDHRA PRADESH

3236. SHRI G. S. REDDI : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :