

## **Regarding development of Beypore Port and its inclusion under Sagarmala Scheme ? laid**

**SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE):** Once upon a time Beypore Port was the most strategic and commercial port of the Arabian sea. The port had rich traditional and cultural links to the majority of the countries of the Arabian sea. Trade and commerce with European and Gulf countries flourished through this port. The port was famous for its dhows which was in great demand across the world during its times. Even today, Dhows are in great demand catering to the Tourism sector in the Gulf regions. Beypore is bestowed with a great location. The Chaliyar river flows into the Arabian sea here making it easy for good traffic through the river. However growing importance to other regions had over the years diminished the importance of this port. Beypore port is also a gateway to Malabar, whose natural resources offer enormous potential for our country. Even though the port is under state government, I request the Central Government to bring in the Port under the Sagarmala Scheme and to do all the needful to develop it into a major port. I also request the Central Government to provide funds for the overall development of Beypore Port.