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## Birth Centenary of Poet

3379. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have chalked out any programme to celebrate the birth centenary of the great poet Suryakant Tripathi Nirala:
- (b) whether the birth centenary of great Urdu poet. Galib is also being celebrated;
- (c) if so, the details thereof separately for parts (a) and (b) and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, by when the birth centenary of both these eminent personalities are proposed to be celebrated?

Written Answers

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (d). There is no proposal before the Central Government to celebrate the birth centenary of the poet Suryakant Tripathi Nirala. But the Government would offer support to such celebrations

The Government has, however, decided to celebrate the 200th birth anniversary of Urdu poet Mirza Ghalib through year-long celebrations beginning from 27th December, 1997.

[English]

## Harbour at Visakhapatnam

3380. DR. M. JAGANNATH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to construct additional outer harbour to the existing one to create additional berthing facilities at Visakhapatnam;
- (b) whether any proposal is under consideration to extend the port or to create additional berthing facilities at nearby Gangavaram to cater to the needs of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and to ease to congestion at Visakhapatnam Port:
  - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) to (d). Yes. Sir. In order to meet the future demand for port services and to ease congestion at the existing Visakhapatnam Port, a proposal to create additional berthing facilities near Gangavaram to cater to the needs of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant was under consideration of the Visakhapatnam Port Trust.

Meanwhile. Andhra Pradesh government declared Gangavaram as a minor port and decided to develop it as an integrated industrial port city. In view of this. Visakhapatnam Port Trust have proposed to develop an outer harbour to outer harbour to create additional berthing facilities

## Bombs for Tanks

3381. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Bomb worth Rs. 32 crore in Army trash bin", appearing in the Pioneer dated November 19, 1996; and
  - (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?