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JETTY IN GUJARAT AFFECTED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CARGO MOVEMENT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that though Gujarat has 25 per cent of the Country's coastal line, but the development of Jetty has not been in consonance with the international norms which has adversely affected the industrial development and cargo movement in the State;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to rectify the situation; and

(c) the details of the schemes/projects for the purpose thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir. The State of Gujarat has a long coast line of about 1600 kms which is about 19.71% of the country's total coast length of about 8118 kms.

(b)&(c): Development of major ports lies with the Government of India and development of such ports including jetties/berths therein is an ongoing process to cope up with the demands of maritime trade. An amount of Rs.416.71 crores has been provided for development of the major port at Kandla during the Tenth Five Year Plan and important components proposed for development under this include (i) construction of new berths/jetties, (ii) modernization/mechanization of the existing berths/jetties, (iii) deepening of navigational/approach channels, (iv) provision of railway network in the port and v) procurement of cargo handling equipments & Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS). Besides, the Government of India has also been providing financial assistance to the State for development of fishing harbours and fish landing centers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme and two new fishing harbours, one at Dholai and other at Okha have been approved during the current financial year (2004-05).

The Government of Gujarat has declared a Port Policy in 1995 focusing on an integrated strategy, incorporating port development, industrial development, power generation and road and rail network. Besides 19 captive jetties which are operational, three out of ten modern minor ports, one each at Mundra, Pipavav and Dahej, have been developed and put to use.