GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHIPPING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7269 ANSWERED ON:21.05.2012 GROWTH IN SHIPPING SECTOR Antony Shri Anto;Biju Shri P. K.

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Shipping Sector in the country is on prospective growth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the volume of India's sea trade for the last four years, port-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to fortify India's shipping sector in pace with its growth;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken by the Government to set up more ports, ship building yards and developing infrastructure facilities in allied sectors;
- (e) whether the Government has received proposal from State Governments in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): Details of Cargo handled by Major Ports and Non-Major Ports for the last four years are enclosed at Annexure.
- (c): Yes, Madam. As per the Working Group Report for 12 Plan for the Port Sector, Traffic to be handled by Major Ports is estimated at 943.06 million tonnes and at 815.20 million tonnes by Non-Major Ports as against present level of 560.15 million tonnes handled by Major Ports and about 370.00 million tonnes handled by Non-Major Ports. To meet the above projected demand, both major ports and non-major ports have conceptualized various capacity augmentation schemes with an estimated investment of Rs. 180626.63 crores during 12th Plan. The estimated capacity by end of 12th Plan will be 2686.66 million tonnes.
- (d): The Government of India has requested all Coastal States in the Country to explore the possibility of setting up of a new Major Port or new Ship Building yard or as a composite Port-cum-Ship building yard in their States and submit a comprehensive proposal.
- (e): Proposals have been received from State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Gujarat.
- (f): Technical Committees have been constituted to identify a suitable location for development of Major Ports proposed by State Governments of Andhra Prasdesh, Kerala and Karnataka. The Technical Committee has submitted its report in respect of Andhra Prasdesh.