GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHIPPING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2687 ANSWERED ON:26.08.2013 DEVELOPMENT OF PORTS IN COASTAL AREAS Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has undertaken any study to determine the demand and supply of port facilities in the coastal States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government proposes to develop some of these ports with private participation under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the names of such ports being considered for development under the PPP mode;

(e) the details of fund allocated, released and spent during the last three years and the current year; and

(f) the time by which development and modernization works of such ports are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a)&(b): The Government has formulated a Perspective Plan for development of the Maritime Sector, namely, "The Maritime Agenda 2010-2020". This Plan has estimated the traffic projections and capacity additions at the Ports upto the year 2020.

(c)to(f): Yes, Madam. The Government has decided to develop two new major ports with private participation under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode, one at Dugarajapatnam in Andhra Pradesh and the other at Sagar Island in West Bengal. M/s. RITES Ltd. has been appointed as Consultant for preparing Techno-Economic Feasibility Report for the new port project in Andhra Pradesh. For the new port project in West Bengal, M/s. RITES Ltd. has submitted the Techno-Economic Feasibility Report and action has been initiated for appointment of Transaction Adviser. As on date, Rs.1.392 crore has been released to Kolkata Port Trust for making payment to M/s. RITES Ltd. for carrying out the Inception Report on the feasibility study for port facilities at Sagar Island. In the year 2013-14, Rs.1.00 crore has been allocated at Budget Estimate stage for Research and Development Study of Major Ports. The process of development of these new ports has been initiated.