GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHIPPING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1751 ANSWERED ON:16.12.2013 DECLINE IN EXPORTS Naik Shri Shripad Yesso

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the exports from Mormugao Port, Goa is constantly declining;
- (b) if so, the details of the exports made from the said Port during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the reasons for decline in the exports from Mormugao Port alongwith the details of assessment made by the Government in this regard:
- (d) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to give boost to the exports from Mormugao (Marma) Port; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN)

(a)to(c):The exports from Mormugao Port has declined due to ban on mining of iron ore by the Supreme Court as iron ore used to constitute 80% of the cargo handled during a year. The details of exports of iron ore made from the said Port during the last three years and the current year are given as under:

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(quantity in million tonnes)
2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14 (upto November, 2013)
40.84 29.89 8.65 1.25
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(d)to(e):On advice of the Government, the Port is making all efforts for attracting alternate cargo and as a result, cargo like Maize, Granite and Pharmaceutical containers have been received. Several trade meetings have been held with the industries in the hinterland in the neighbouring states. These efforts are expected to yield results. However, these volumes are very limited and cannot substitute the loss in terms of Iron Ore traffic.