

Title: Need to grant funds from the Sagar-Mela scheme for the development of Kakinada Port and its surroundings. – Laid.

SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU (KAKINADA): Kakinada Port in Andhra Pradesh has been developed into a deep water port by the State Government with loan assistance of Rs.350 crores from the Assam Development Bank. It has been subsequently leased to a private consortium.

Traditionally, for a long time, the Port has handled as much or more cargo than any major port. The Port consists of an anchorage port from where the traditional agriculture cargo is handled and industrial cargo like phosphoric acid is handled from deep-water port. Ammonia (for the fertilizer plants located there) and edible oil cargos are also handled. There is growing economic importance of the region, especially after the discovery of substantial gas reserves and a lot of development is expected in the district. Keeping in view of the above developments, the infrastructure in and around the anchorage port and the deep-water port have to be drastically improved. I request the Government to grant some funds immediately from the Sagar Mala Scheme for the development of the port and its surroundings.