

Title: Need to relocate the site of Cargo Terminal in National Waterway –3

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): Sir, through you, I would like to invite the attention of the hon. Minister for Shipping, Road Transport and Highways to the demand of the people of Alleppey to reconsider and relocate the site for the construction of Inland Water Terminal in National Waterways No. 3 at Punnamada, Mullackal, Alleppey.

The proposed site for the project is the finishing point of the famous Nehru Trophy Boat Race which is being conducted at Punnamada Lake since 1952.

This is also the boarding area of the house boats, assembling area of foreign and domestic tourists coming to Alleppey to enjoy and imbibe the natural beauty of the backwaters of Alleppey. It is estimated that about 20,000 people are earning their daily bread through the house boats and other tourism avenues. Actually, this place is the Cape of Good Hope to develop Alleppey through tourism.

The Sports Authority of India is using the Punnamada lake to train their athletes in water sports. The Central and State Governments are jointly constructing a water stadium and a pavilion on the banks of the Punnamada lake to make the boat race more attractive. However, this city is trying to develop through tourism by utilising its own natural beauty and the house-boat tourism in the backwaters of Alleppey with the world famous Nehru Trophy Boat Race.

If the proposed project comes true, it will not only put an end to Nehru Trophy Boat Race but also uproot the house-boat tourism and all other expectations of Alleppey to develop through house-boat tourism. This will make thousands of people jobless. The location of the proposed project is very near to the dry dock of PWD and Water Transport Department dock and also to the KSRT Corporation bus stand. Moreover, it is hardly three kms. away from the district civil station, hospital, school, court and municipality. The existing roads are very narrow and the heavy traffic subsequent to the installation of the project will affect the peaceful life in this location.

Considering all these facts, the Government of Kerala had recommended an alternative location and requested the Ministry to shift this project to Pallathuruthy, a more suitable place for this project.

In the above circumstances, I once again request the Minister to look into the matter with due consideration and directions may be issued to reconsider this issue and pave the way to shift the project to Pallathuruthy or to some other suitable location.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri P.S. Gadhavi -- not present.

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the Members who sat late, till the end, should be given more time to speak.

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय : आप पहले नोटिस तो दीजिए। नोटिस देंगे तो देखेंगे कि क्या करना है।

The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow the 5th August 2005 at 11 a.m.

20.36 hrs.

*The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock
on Friday, August 5, 2005/Sravana 14, 1927 (Saka).*
