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Title: Need to expedite completion of the proposed all weather Gopalpur port in Ganjam district of Odisha.

SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI (JAGATSINGHPUR): The Gopalpur seaport situated in Ganjam District of Odisha is a natural port and is ideally located on East Coast of India as well. The first phase of construction of Gopalpur port as an all weather port was proposed to be completed by March, 2013. Besides the construction of above port, other supporting infrastructure like power distribution system, railway, road connectivity etc. were also taken into consideration for construction simultaneously. However, till this date, the construction work has not progressed upto the level as envisaged. It is also mentioned that in order to make Gopalpur Port as an all weather port, it is necessary to appoint more number of employees therein alongwith the provisions like Workers' Provident fund, ESI etc. at par with other central Govt. Employees.

In the light of the above, I would like to request the concerned Ministry to expedite completion of the proposed all weather Gopalpur port and appoint more number of employees therein alongwith all facilities.