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Title: Need to expedite the construction and development work of the Ramayapatnam Seaport as a world class seaport.

SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR REDDY (ANANTAPUR): Madam Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to an important issue.

Ramayapatnam Seaport is located 30 kilometre away from Ongole city, Headquarters of Prakasam district of Andhra Pradesh. It is situated on the banks of Bay of Bengal within a distance of five kilometers from NH-5. A lighthouse is also existing there.

In 2012, it was selected for development as a major seaport by the Central Government as a part of its maritime agenda to construct major ports on the east coast region to give a boost to the cargo exports and imports to be developed in 10,000 acres of land with port, ship-building and breaking units and other allied units in the area. There is also a proposal for approval by the Central Cabinet for sanctioning of a National Manufacturing and Investment Zone in Ramayapatnam area to start industrial growth and development. Earlier, on the recommendation and submission of feasibility report by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Ministry has considered Ramayapatnam for development as a major seaport.

Considering all the above, I urge upon the Government to augment and expedite the construction and development work of the Ramayapatnam Seaport as a world-class seaport at the earliest.