

## SHIPPING

### Summary of Questions Asked

1) *Mumbai- Uran Sea Link Project :*

Raising issue with Shipping and Environment Ministry of the proposal of having a Sea link Highway between Bhaucha Dhakka”, Mumbai and Uran.

2) *Seamen Provident Fund :*

Rs.90 crore of Seaman Provident Fund belonging to Mumbai in the Stock Scam were highlighted. Attention of authorities to protect the Seamen drawn.

3) *Development of BPT and JNPT :*

Various issues regarding development, expansion, justice to labour were raised.

**LOK SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 1185**

ANSWERED ON 01.03.2001

**DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR PORTS**

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:-

- (a) the total capacity out of 122 million tonnes of capacity proposed to be created in the major ports during the Ninth Plan period achieved and works so far undertaken in different ports;
- (b) the total funds so far allocated to different ports and amount utilized out of 7215 crores earmarked for the development of major ports during the Ninth Plan ;
- (c) whether the target fixed for Ninth Plan is likely to be achieved during the stipulated time ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps being taken by the Government to achieve the target ;
- (e) whether replacement of submarines and modernisation of jetties in Mumbai Port has been completed ;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the time by which it is likely to be completed ?

**ANSWER**

- (a) In the first three years of Ninth Plan, the capacity addition in Major Ports is 38.05 Million Tonnes (MT). By 31.3.2001, the total capacity of Major Ports is expected to reach 314 MT. A list of major capacity yielding schemes taken up at various Major Ports and which are at various stages of implementation/completion is annexed.
- (b) The total approved outlay for Major Ports during Ninth Five Year Plan is Rs 8543 crores. Details of Plan expenditure incurred by Major Ports during the first four years of Ninth Plan are given below :

**(Rupees in Crores)**

Year	Approved Plan Outlay	Actual expenditure incurred
1997-98	1002.37	611.85
1998-99	727.00	776.21
1999-2000	1413.70	1296.85
2000-2001		
(Upto January, 2001)	1589.99	588.30

(inclusive of Rs 42.98 crores transferred towards North-East Pool)

- (c)&(d) Some slippage in capacity target of 377 MT is expected. The traffic at Major Ports is not growing as projected by the Ninth Plan Working Group and by the end of Ninth Plan, capacity of Major Ports is expected to be more than the traffic. Thus, no capacity constraint is anticipated.
- (e)to(g) The scheme 'Replacement of Submarine Pipelines' has been completed in June, 2000. The scheme 'Modernisation of Jetties' is progressing as per schedule and is expected to be completed by March, 2003.

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**LOK SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 3455**

ANSWERED ON 11.12.2002

**SEAMEN PROVIDENT FUNDS**

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether investigation action and recovery in Seamen's Provident Fund has been completed;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Immediately on receiving the information regarding the alleged fraud, the Ministry of Shipping entrusted the matter to the Central Bureau of Investigation for investigation and effective action against those involved. CBI is in the process of finalizing their enquiry and filing charge sheet in the Court. After the irregularities in the investment of Seamen's Provident Fund came to notice the following action, inter-alia, has been taken:-
  - (i) A Chartered Accountant Firm has been appointed as Internal Auditor who shall submit the quarterly progress report, which will be placed before the Board of Trustees, Seamen's Provident Fund in its subsequent meetings. The first report has already been placed.
  - (ii) All physical securities required to be converted into demat form have been converted.
  - (iii) A Finance Sub-Committee has been constituted for considering investment proposals.

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**LOK SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 3708**

ANSWERED ON 17.04.2002

**MUMBAI TRANS HARBOUR SEA LINK PROJECT**

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government have received any request from Government of Maharashtra regarding Mumbai Trans Harbour Sea Link Project;
- (b) if so, whether Mumbai Port Trust has given NOC for the same;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the present status of the project?

**ANSWER**

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) & (d) According to the Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT), the proposed alignment of Mumbai Trans Harbour Sea Link (MTHL) would adversely affect their old Pir Pau Pier operations and navigational channel at Pir Pau. The MbPT has conveyed to the Government of Maharashtra that a bridge project with fresh alignment ensuring continued use of old Pir Pau Berth, new chemical berth, relocated explosive anchorage and permitting construction and operation of proposed coal and second chemical berth already planned in the Pir Pau area could be examined if found technically feasible. The Ministry of Shipping has also conveyed the concerns of the MbPT to the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Limited (MSRDC) in September, 2000. MbPT and MSRDC are in touch with each other with a view to arriving at a mutually agreed solution in the matter.

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**LOK SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 3751**

ANSWERED ON 16.08.2001

**SHIPYARDS**

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:-

- (a) the existing number of shipyards in the country along with their capacity;
- (b) the number of ships built so far; and
- (c) the undergoing projects as on date?

**ANSWER**

- (a) There are a total of about 28 shipyards existing in the country out of which 9 are in the public sector and about 19 shipyards in the private sector. The aggregate annual capacity of all Indian Shipyards is estimated to be approximately 0.15 million compensated gross tonnage.
- (b) A total of 597 ships/vessels have been built by member shipyards of Shipyards Association of India (an association of private sector shipyards and 2 public sector shipyards under the administrative control of State Governments). The total number of ships built by the four shipyards under the administrative control of this Ministry are as under:
  - (i) Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. Visakhapatnam 115
  - (ii) Cochin Shipyard Ltd., Cochin 34
  - (iii) Rajabagan Dockyard of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd., Calcutta 93
  - (iv) Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd., Calcutta 95
- (c) A statement indicating the projects under execution with shipyards within the administrative control of the Ministry of Shipping, as on date, is annexed.

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## PLANNING

### Summary of Questions Asked

1) *Special Grants to Mumbai :*

As Mumbai contributes more than 30% of the tax in all forms, special grants to Mumbai to given for the development & betterment of public transport & health.

**LOK SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 1460**

ANSWERED ON 07.03.2001

**COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has constituted a Committee on Communication and Information Technology for the 10th Finance Commission(2002-07);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which this Committee is likely to submit its report?
- (d) The broad terms of reference of this Committee
- (e) Whether the Committee is also likely to consider the privatisation of postal service; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

- (a) No, Sir. No Committee has been constituted in the Planning Commission on Communication and Information Technology for the Tenth Finance Commission ( 2002 – 2007 ). However, a Steering Committee on Communication and Information has been constituted for the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07). The Committee shall make recommendations on various policy and programme requirements relevant to the formulation of Tenth Five Year Plan for Telecom, Information Technology, Information & Broadcasting and Postal sectors.
- (b) to (f) : A copy of the Notification constituting the Committee is appended.

III. The Terms of Reference of the Committee will be –

Convergence and e-Governance

1. To take an integrated view of the development of telecommunications, IT and I&B sectors including the state of the industries, services and the technological developments in these areas; convergence of technology, delivery systems and applications and to determine the needs of the individual sectors as well as new services emerging out of convergence.
2. To assess the requirement of bandwidth for proper growth of IT and suggest ways and means for achieving the expansion of Internet in the country.
3. To suggest measures for promotion of e-governance at various levels in the Government starting from Gram Panchayat level and to suggest strategy to be adopted in this regard.
4. To suggest measures to address the issue of digital divide and taking the benefits of IT to the masses.
5. To suggest measures for ensuring seamless transition to convergence of IT, telecommunication

and information and broadcasting sectors.

### **Information Technology Sector**

6. To evolve the Approach for Information Technology sector for the Tenth Plan keeping in view the comparative advantage, strengths and weaknesses of the IT industry, international scenario including WTO regime and the national goal of making India an IT super power.
7. To assess year-wise capacity and production for the different sub-sectors of the IT industry for the Tenth Five Year Plan period (2002-2007) in line with the perspective up to 2010 AD taking into account domestic requirements and export potential.
8. To make an assessment of the likely exports and imports taking into account the options available with respect to “make v/s buy” and also to assess year-wise projections for the Tenth Five Year Plan.
9. To estimate the investments required to be made in the public and private sector to achieve projections for the Tenth Five Year Plan.
10. To critically review the impact of the various policy measures already initiated, identifying the constraints and to suggest further policy framework to be adopted to achieve the set goals.
11. To examine the adequacy to the existing infrastructure facilities like Standardisation, Testing and Quality Assurance Centres, National and Regional Computer Centres, Components and Materials Development Centres, and Manpower Development and training centres etc. in areas of electronics, computer networks and networking centres etc. and to recommend steps for optimal utilisation of the existing facilities.

### **Telecommunications Sector**

12. To evolve Approach on Telecom Sector for the 10th Plan keeping in view the basic goal of development of world class telecom infrastructure to support accelerated growth of IT and other sectors of the economy, objectives of New Telecom Policy (1999), convergence of services and markets, international scenario in the wake of WTO/IPR regimes and other relevant factors.
13. To make recommendations on development of an appropriate system of telecom network in rural areas which should be affordable but self-financing and capable of supporting a multi-media system of communications.
14. To make recommendations on the further restructuring/reforms required in the telecom sector in the post - convergence scenario.
15. To suggest measures to be adopted for promoting private sector investment in the light of the experience gained so far and the requirement of funds for future growth.
16. To review the performance of telecom equipment manufacturing sector so far, identify the constraints and make recommendations for evolving an appropriate policy to ensure growth on the pattern of software sector.

### **Postal Sector**

17. To evolve Approach on Postal Sector for the 10th Plan keeping in view the strengths/weaknesses of Postal Sector, socio-economic needs of the country, objectives of providing world class postal services at affordable prices, international commitments of the country at Universal

Postal Union, WTO etc.

18. To make recommendations on the restructuring/reforms required to make the Department of Posts self financing.

19. To make recommendations on extent of privatisation of services and need and form of regulation required.

20. Role of post offices in promoting/facilitating e-commerce and the process of certification.

21. To examine the issue of optimum utilization of land, buildings and other physical infrastructure including commercial exploitation of properties held by Departments in metros and big cities and suggest an appropriate action plan in this regard with a view to generate additional resources for financing plan expenditure.

### **Information and Broadcasting Sector**

22. To evolve Approach to the Information and Broadcasting sector for the 10th Plan keeping in view the emerging trends in radio, television and IT enabled media applications.

23. To examine the extent to which expansion of transmission network is needed and the best way to provide the reach of radio and television signals to the uncovered areas.

24. To assess the total needs of investment in broadcasting infrastructure including that for content creation and to assess the extent of private investment that may come forward in the 10th Plan period and beyond and as to what steps should be taken to stimulate private investment.

25. To assess the human resources needed for the telecommunications, broadcasting, media, internet and IT and to suggest road map for making the same available.

26. To assess the status of the Film Industry and to suggest policy measures and other steps necessary to ensure production of good, socially relevant and aesthetically creative films.

27. To take a look at the needs of government publicity including sectoral publicity programmes and to re-assess institutional arrangements for bringing out Government publications, advertisements and media products.

- IV. Any other item that the Planning Commission or the Steering Group, deems necessary to be included for making the recommendations useful.
- V. The Steering Group may set up Working Groups to go into specific sectors or issues for detailed information gathering and analysis. The Chairman of the Steering Group may coopt any person whose knowledge or expertise is considered to be useful to the Working Groups or the Steering Group and may invite any such person to specific meetings.
- VI. The non-official members of the Committee will be paid TA / DA by Planning Commission as per SR 190 ( a ) for attending meetings of the Committee.
- VII. The Steering Committee shall submit its report by 30th April 2001.

**LOK SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 5741**

ANSWERED ON 03.05.2000

**SPECIAL GRANTS TO MUMBAI**

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Ministry of Planning and the Union Government to give a special grant of Rs.1000 crore for solving the problems of Mumbai;
- (b) whether more than 30 per cent of Excise, Custom duty, Corporate Tax and Income Tax is coming from Mumbai alone;
- (c) whether it is also fact that Union Government have not given any special grants to Mumbai after 1987; and
- (d) If so, whether the Union Government propose to give special grants to Mumbai in particular and the Maharashtra State in general to overcome their problems for providing basic amenities like water, sanitation, electricity in slums?

**ANSWER**

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Mumbai is included under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Megacity. The scheme has been in operation since 1993-94. Under the scheme, up to 31.3.99 an amount of Rs.102.48 crores has been released as grant from Central Government.
- (c) In respect of Custom duty and Corporate Tax, the Percentage collection from Mumbai is more than 30%. However, in respect of Central Excise and Income Tax, the percentage collection is less than 30%.
- (d) Planning Commission has been providing Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the State/UTs under National Slum Development Programme for improving infrastructure facilities like provision of water, sanitation, street lighting, shelter upgradation etc. in urban slums since 1996-97 (the ACA is allocated to the States only. City/town wise allocations within the States are made by the respective States/UTs). The year-wise allocations under the programme to the Government of Maharashtra are given below:

Year	Rs. Crore
1996-97	35.67
1997-98	45.73
1998-99	53.31
1999-2000	58.31

Under Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme having population upto 20,000 as per 1991 census, total of Rs.1173.65 lakhs has been released upto 1999-2000. Under Low Cost Sanitation Scheme for Liberation of Scavengers, total of Rs.1163.17 lakh as loan and Rs.1220.02 lakh as subsidy has been released upto 28.2.1999.

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**LOK SABHA**

**QUESTION NO 3705**

ANSWERED ON 21.03.2001

**UNDP ASSISTANCE**

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether any meeting has been held between the officials of Planning Commission and Officials of UNDP for increasing the UNDP assistance from US \$ 500 million for health, poverty eradication and developmental activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the assistance sought under UNDP has been approved;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the issue of Human Resource Development Report was also discussed in the meeting; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A meeting between UNDP Administrator and the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission was held on the 16th February, 2001. However, there was no discussion regarding an increase of UNDP overall assistance from \$ 250 million to \$ 500 million.
- (c) & (d): Does not arise.
- (e) & (f): The Preparation of State Human Development Reports (HDRs) were discussed, as both the Planning Commission and the UNDP are assisting States in their endeavour to prepare Hdrs with analysis of disaggregated data at district levels. It was agreed that both the State and National HDRs are policy tools , which would be used in the planning process.

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