

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request for immediate restoration and renovation of the Coast cannal of Bhadrak.

SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL (BHADRAK): Hon. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the kind attention of the hon. Minister of Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, to this matter.

Sir, as it is known that there is a Coast Canal of 126 kilometres from Mankunda of Bhograi to Charbatia-Basudevpur-Chandbali of Bhadrak. Major portion of the coast canal comes under my parliamentary constituency of Bhadrak. This canal was constructed during the British period. It was considered as the lifeline of erstwhile Balasore District. It was mainly used for irrigation and maritime trade. It was said that due to flourishing maritime trade on this water route, several industrial units had developed along the banks of the canal earlier.

However, after Independence, trade on this route lost its relevance. Now, this coast canal is defunct. If it is renovated and becomes functional, it will be helpful to promote waterways and river-linking facilities and along with the same, drought-like situation could be avoided in the coastal parts of Odisha. Its renovation will be immensely helpful for farmers and unemployed youths of Odisha.

I would like to request the hon. Minister to intervene in the matter by inviting experts for immediate restoration and renovation of the Coast Canal at the earliest.

13.00 hrs

माननीय अध्यक्ष: श्री चंद्र शेखर साहू ।

माननीय सदस्य, मैंने आपको पहले भी मौका दिया था, लेकिन आप यहाँ नहीं थे ।

श्री चंद्र शेखर साहू (बरहामपुर): सर, हमारी बी.जे.डी. पार्टी की ओर से, हम सभी सदस्यों को पीयूष गोयल जी से मिलना था । इसलिए, हम सभी साढ़े बारह बजे उनसे मिलने के लिए गए थे ।

माननीय अध्यक्ष: आप उनसे मिलने के लिए गए, इसलिए आपके बोलने का समय निकल गया ।