

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan had requested for sharing the capital cost of Indira Gandhi Nahar Pariyojana (IGNP) Jodhpur Lift Canal on Jamnagar pattern; and

(b) if so, the action taken by this Ministry thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). Keeping in view the requirements of water supply of the Armed Forces personnel stationed at Jodhpur, the Ministry of Defence has agreed to provide a loan of Rs. 18.71 crores to the government of Rajasthan as assistance towards the capital cost of the scheme. A sum of Rs. 8.836 crores has already been sanctioned on the basis of proportionate expenditure incurred on the execution of the Scheme.

#### Working of Nhava Sheva Port

5191. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ships being handled daily at Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Nhava Sheva Port) and the number of ships handled during the last six months;

(b) the losses incurred during the last two years;

(c) the steps taken to remove the bottlenecks to improve the revenue collection;

(d) whether the Government propose to constitute an expert committee to go into the working of the port and suggest remedial measures; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) During the last 6 months, on an average about 3 ships have been handled daily. Total number of ships handled during this period was 129.

(b) During 1989-90, the Port had incurred an operating deficit of Rs. 345.29 lakhs. However, during 1990-91, the provisional figures indicate an operating surplus.

(c) A number of steps including aggressive marketing strategy and augmentation of infrastructural facilities have been taken to step up the cargo handling and consequent increase in revenue.

(d) and (e). Presently there is no such proposal.

#### Development of Sericulture in Andhra Pradesh

5192. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether sericulture is making good progress in Krishna and West Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the extent of land under sericulture in these districts during the last three years;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to encourage the farmers towards sericulture with particular reference to cultivation and marketing of cocoons;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up silk reeling units in these districts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The areas brought under mulberry plantation during the last three years are as under:-

Sl. No.	Year	Districts	
		Krishna	West Godavari (in Acres)
1	2	3	5
1	1988-89	1486	1496
2	1989-90	2231	1916
3	1990-91	2785	2389

(c) The following programmes are being implemented to promote sericulture:-

1. Training to farmers through Farmers Training Centres.
2. Farmers meets and study tours.
3. Supply of disease free silkworm eggs.
4. Technical guidance through Technical Service Centres.
5. Marketing facilities through regular Cocoons Markets in the State and Departmental Silk Reeling Units which are notified as markets.

(d) and (e). Silk Reeling Units have already been established at the following places in these Districts:-

- (i) Vijayawada—Krishna District
- (ii) Talaprole—Krishna District
- (iii) Hanuman Junction—Krishna District
- (iv) Vijayarai—West Godavari District
- (v) K. R. Puram—West Godavari District

#### Development of Paradip Port

5193. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:  
SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up any plan for the development and deepening of the Paradip Port to accommodate 1,70,000 DWT bulk carriers for increased export of iron ore;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked therefor;

(c) whether the entire work would be completed by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d). A proposal for development of port facilities for handling 6 million tonnes of iron ore export through Paradip Port at an estimated cost of about Rs. 420 crores is under consideration of the Government. The project is expected to be completed within 36 months from the date of sanction.