

4. Clyde Expro Pic., U.K.
 5. Samson International, USA
 6. Compagnie Geofinanciere, France.
 7. China Petroleum Technology Development Corporation, Peoples;
Republic of China.
 8. Joshi Technologies, USA
 9. BNG Holdings, Canada.
 10. Ruspetrol, USA
 11. Berry Creek Resources inc., Canada.
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**Goods Transport Through
International Sea-Routes**

1280. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA : will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have decided to open goods transport sector through international sea-routes for private companies;

(b) if so, the number of the companies which have submitted proposals in this regard;

(c) the criteria for rates of loading of goods;

(d) whether the willing companies would have to pay the registration fee for approval of the transportation of goods and platform charges for loading and unloading of the goods; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE

MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT:

(a) The goods transport is already open for private sector shipping companies. It has been decided to de-licence such of the liner routes where existing shipping companies do not operate at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The freight rate is decided by market forces.

(d) and (e) Do not arise, in view of the reply given at (a) above.

[English]

Foreign Investors in Mining

1281. SHRI Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry has set up an advisory committee to assist foreign investors in the field of mining;

(b) if so, the composition and objectives