

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REVIVING CIWTC LIMITED
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Limited (CIWTC) in spite of its expected viability has been limping for survival due to apathy on the part of its management;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether significant discriminations exist in the pay scales between the Engineering Group and the Head Office Staff who have also not been receiving their salary for the last five months;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to release funds to liquidate the outstanding salary of five months for the workmen; and
- (f) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the strategy proposed to be adopted to revive the said sick unit?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

- (a) & (b) Government had sanctioned a revival package costing Rs.139.55 crore, in June, 2001 expecting that the Corporation will turn around in four years time. However, revival plan has not yielded desirable results and the performance indicators reveal that the Corporation is not viable.
- (c) & (d) There is no discrimination in the matter of disbursement of salary to different categories of employees. However, there are differences in the pay scales of different categories of employees of the Corporation for the following reasons:-
 - i) The officers, Supervisors and other staff posted at head office and in other division/units of the corporation including sub-staff in non industrial establishments are covered under CDA/IDA pay scale of the Central Government.
 - ii) All operative and similar categories of employees posted at Rajabagan Dockyard and at other industrial establishments of the Corporation in West Bengal are covered under tripartite Wage Settlement for Central Public Sector Undertakings in West Bengal.
 - iii) The pay scale of floating staff, pilotage and conservancy staff at Assam and the employees of Floating Workshop, Pandu, Assam is settled at bipartite level with the representing unions and the management of the Corporation.
- (e) Yes Sir.
- (f) Government has decided to provide funds to the Corporation for payment of salary/wages, but it is not contemplating yet another revival plan for CIWTC, as its performance indicators do not warrant so. However, the Ministry of Shipping has approached the State Government of West Bengal to take over the Corporation.