

Title: Need to order berthing of two urea ships at Gopalpur (Orissa) in the months of November, and December, 2000 with a view to provide employment to cyclone-hit people of Ganjam district.

SHRI ANADI SAHU (BERHAMPUR, ORISSA): Sir, Gopalpur is a fair-weather minor Port in Ganjam district of Orissa. It is operational from November to March, every year. A number of ships come to this Port during this period. Till 1995, Urea ships were coming to this Port. However, anchoring of Urea ships in Gopalpur Port were stopped thereafter. After the supercyclone, the people of Ganjam are not getting adequate work. If Urea ships are brought to this Port in November and December, people will get work. In addition, farmers will get urea at a cheaper rate.

I request the Government of India to order for berthing of two Urea ships at Gopalpur in the months of November and December, 2000.

1443 hours (Mr. Deputy-Speaker *in the Chair*)