GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5613

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SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIR FACILITIES AT KOLKATA PORT

5613. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state: पत्तन,पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any projects to establish a shipbuilding and repair facility at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total investment planned, the size of the land allocated and the duration of the lease agreements for such projects;
- (c) the types and sizes of vessels that the facility aims to construct in its initial and subsequent phases along with the projected timeline for achieving these milestones; and
- (d) the manner in which this initiative aligns with the Government's strategy to enhance domestic shipbuilding capabilities and monetize port assets through private sector participation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (d) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) has three dry dock facilities at Khidderpore Dock and two dry dock facilities at Netaji Subhas Dock. These have been outsourced to the Cochin Shipyard Ltd. (CSL) and the Garden Reach Engineers and Ship Builders & Engineers (GRSE) through joint venture agreements. Land measuring about 5,65,848 sq. meters at Jellingham in the district of Midnapore (East) has been leased out for a period of 30 years to a JV of M/s. Ripley & Co. Stevedoring & Handling Pvt. Ltd. and Atreya Shipyards Pvt Ltd. for ship repairing, ship building and recycling activities.

SMPK has entered into a Concession Agreement on 28.03.2019 for a period of 15 years, with an option of renewal for another 15 years, with the CSL for the ship-repair management facility at two Dry Docks and one Berth at Netaji Subhas Dock. Ship Repair Operation started functioning w.e.f. 29.09.2019 under the banner 'CSL-Kolkata Ship Repair Unit'. As per this Concession Agreement, CSL shares 40% of the profit before tax with SMPK.

SMPK has entered into a Concession Agreement on 07.10.2021 for a period of 15 years, with an option of renewal for another 15 years, with the GRSE for Ship Repair / Ship Building Operation and Management of Facility at three Dry Docks of Khidderpore Dock. The Dry Docks were handed over to GRSE on 01.12.2021. As per this Concession Agreement, GRSE shares 50% of the profit before tax with SMPK.

The projected investment for the Jellingham Project is about Rs. 2,000 crores in phases with about Rs. 200 crores in Phase 1.

Presently, small vessels of LOA up to 100 m are constructed. The phase 1 at the Jellingham Ship Building and Ship Repairing Hub is for repair/building of small crafts like Tugs, Dredgers and Inland Vessels and phase 2 will be for vessels of Panamax length.

By leasing out the land and the repair facility for ship building and ship repairing activities to the Government and the private players, SMPK is monetizing the asset available along the river front. Further, construction of indigenous vessels is being promoted through the allotment of land along the river front to promote ship building, ship repairing and recycling activities.
