

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:906
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2005
SETHUSAMUDRAM SHIP CHANNEL PROJECT
Panda Shri Prabodh;Ponnuswamy Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has opposed the implementation of Sethusamudram ship channel project;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the reaction of the Union Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to involve the local people for employment in this project;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Depth of the channel has been lowered in comparison to the proposed one;
- (g) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (h) the year of completion of the said project?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) Permanent employees for the operation of the channel will be recruited as per Government rules. Some workers will be employed locally on contract basis as and when required during implementation and operation of the project.
- (f) No, Sir.
- (g) Does not arise.
- (h) Year 2008.