

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1056
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DEEPENING OF MAIN CHANNELS OF PARADIP PORT .
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to deepen the main channels of Paradip Port;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount earmarked therefor; and
- (d) the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The Government has recently approved the project for Deepening of Channel at Paradip Port at an estimated cost of Rs.154.842 crores. This deepening will enable handling of vessels of 1,25,000 Dead Weight Tonnage (DWT) as against the existing capacity of 65,000 DWT. The scheduled period for completion of the project is 72 weeks.