

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

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OPENING OF MARITIME UNIVERSITY IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open a full fledged maritime University in West Bengal; and
- (b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Finance Minister has announced in his Budget speech of 2006-07 that the existing National Institute of Port Management, Chennai has been renamed as National Maritime Academy and it is proposed to upgrade it into a Central University under an Act of Parliament. The University would have regional campuses at Mumbai, Kolkata and Vishakapatnam. The Government is acting accordingly.