

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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RECONSTRUCTION OF PORTS AND HARBOUR INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of jetties, dry docks vessels, lighthouses etc. suffered by Tsunami;
- (b) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for reconstruction of ports and harbour infrastructure;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) the details of progress made so far to make such infrastructure operational; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated and utilized so far for the said purpose?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) During Tsunami in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, all the 56 jetties were damaged and 47 have already been restored. Out of the remaining 9, 4 are not required to be restored as suggested by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration and 5 are in the process of implementation. Both the Dry Docks were also damaged and the same have been repaired already. As regards the 30 Lighthouses in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, 15 were damaged and all have been restored. Out of 3 Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) installation, the one at Indira Point and the other at Keating Point were damaged. The Indira Point DGPS has been decided to be shifted to Campbell Bay and the work is expected to be completed by December, 2006. At Keating Point, the work is expected to be completed by September, 2006. 9 vessels were damaged/sunken during Tsunami. The ports of Chennai, Visakhapatnam, Tuticorin as well as other offices under this Department suffered damages to port buildings, structures, machinery etc.

An Action Plan has been prepared for reconstruction of ports and harbour infrastructure. An amount of Rs. 897.31 crores has been approved for Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the period up to 2008-09. Rs. 2.85 crores have been spent for immediate post tsunami restoration works in 2004-05, in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. In 2005-06 Rs. 18.58 crores has been spent on tsunami rehabilitation works. Rs.89.76 crores have been allocated for tsunami works in Annual Plan 2006-07, of which Rs.64.05 crores is meant for Andaman Lakshadweep Harbour Works (ALHW), Rs.18.65 crores is for Chennai Port Trust, Rs.0.50 crores is for Tuticorin Port Trust, Rs.4.95 crores is for Visakhapatnam Port Trust, Rs.0.11 crores for National Institute of Port Management (NIPM) and Rs.1.50 crores for Minor Ports Survey Organisation (MPSO).