

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1114  
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2006  
DREDGING OPERATION IN MAJOR PORTS  
Oram Shri Jual

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

- (a) whether the dredging operation in some major ports has been undertaken by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, port-wise; and
- (c) the expenses likely to be incurred on the said operation and the funds allocated during the Tenth Plan for the purpose?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): As part of the on-going process of development of port infrastructure, the major ports undertake dredging operations from time to time with a view to increasing the depths in their channels and other port areas (Capital dredging) to keep pace with the increasing draught requirements of the vessels calling at these ports. An allocation of Rs. 1114.58 crores has been made in the 10th Plan for capital dredging projects in the major ports as per break-up given below:

Sl. No. Name of major port Allocation (Rs. in Crores)

(i) Kolkata	350.00
(ii) Mumbai	40.00
(iii) Jawaharlal Nehru	1.06
(iv) Chennai	20.00
(v) Cochin	0.00
(vi) Visakhapatnam	40.43
(vii) Kandla	67.00
(viii) Mormugao	40.00
(ix) Paradip	99.99
(x) New Mangalore	9.10
(xi) Tuticorin	47.00
(xii) Ennore	300.00
Total	1114.58

During the 10th Plan period (2002-2007), the following capital dredging projects have been undertaken in the major ports:

Sl.No.	Name of major port	Name of the project	Expenditure incurred/ likely to be incurred (Rs. in crores)
1.	Jawaharlal Nehru	Dredging of Lagoon behind service berth.	2.79
2.	Chennai	Deepening of Dr. Ambedkar Dock Basin and Berths.	6.40
3.	Cochin	Dredging at Rajiv Gandhi Container Terminal berth.	23.98
4.	Visakhapatnam	Deepening and widening of inner harbour entrance channel Stage-I.	24.31
5.	Kandla	Deepening and widening of Sogal channel, Approaches to Sogal channel and Deepening and widening of channel in the approaches to Kandla Creek	64.33
6.	Mormugao	Deepening of channel and Berth No. 9.	32.00
7.	New Mangalore	Capital dredging in front of deep drafted multipurpose berth.	6.50
8.	Tuticorin	Dredging the Dock basin in front of Berth No. 8	42.05

Apart from capital dredging, the major ports carry out dredging operations so as to maintain the existing depths (Maintenance

dredging). Expenditure on maintenance dredging is met out of revenue account and not from Plan funds.