

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

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DELAY IN WORKS AT PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether works at various major ports in the country are not progressing as per schedule and there is inordinate delay in completion of ongoing projects as reported in the Business Line dated October 27, 2006;
- (b) if so, the facts reported therein; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There are time overruns in completion of some ongoing projects in the Major Ports due to a variety of reasons which include delay in award of contracts and/or placement of work orders due to procedural constraints, time taken in acquisition of land, delay in completion of the projects by the contractors and non-availability of requisite clearances, statutory and otherwise. The progress of all ongoing projects is reviewed regularly with the view to removing the bottlenecks which impede the progress of the projects and facilitating their timely implementation.