

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTERNATIONAL RIVER PORT AT DHUBRI
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any demand from State Governments of Assam and West Bengal for setting up an international river port at Dhubri in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has conducted any Techno-economic feasibility study for developing such international river port at Dhubri;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): No Sir. However, Government of West Bengal had forwarded a representation made by Brahmaputra Jalpath Dabi Samiti, Dhubri to the Chief Minister of West Bengal in which request for establishment of a port at Dhubri with all modern facilities was included.

(c) to (e) : River Brahmaputra has been declared as National Waterway from Dhubri to Sadiya, and various developmental works are being executed on it, which include setting up of a floating terminal at Dhubri with open storage facility, road connectivity for loaded trucks and floating crane pontoon jetty for berthing of vessels and mechanised handling of cargo with gangway. Further upgradation is proposed at later stage based on cargo availability and demand at Dhubri.

However, on the basis of a representation received from Dhubri River Port Development Demand Committee for a mechanised and modernized river port with handling facilities at Dhubri, IIT Guwahati has been asked to do a quick feasibility study of an alternative site, slightly downstream at New Ghat.