

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

- (a) whether the Government has framed a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for promotion of Coastal Shipping under the National Maritime Development Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of the scheme;
- (c) the details of proposals received from various State Governments for developing ports under CSS and the action taken thereon by the Government;
- (d) whether Azhikal Port in Kannur district in Kerala is being considered under the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the detail thereof alongwith its present status?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Development of seven minor ports for promotion of coastal shipping has been included in the National Maritime Development Programme(NMDP). As only one port from each Maritime State was to be included, only Azhikal port was included from Kerala. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme(CSS) for development of such ports is yet to be approved. Further action will be taken after the CSS is finally approved.