

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

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MUMBAI HARBOUR DREDGING PORT
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to gear up the dredging project from Mumbai Harbour at Nhava Sheva;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including cost of the project; and
- (c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a)to(c) : The Government has approved a project for deepening and widening of the Mumbai Harbour Channel and JN Port Channel at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Sheva, Navi Mumbai at an estimated cost of Rs.800 crores. The project involves dredging for increasing the maintained depth, width and the length of the port channel so as to facilitate handling of vessels requiring draft upto 14 m using tidal window as against 12.5 m draft vessels at present. The project is scheduled to be completed within a period of 27 months from the date of issue of work order.