

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:310
ANSWERED ON:05.09.2007
NATIONAL MARITIME POLICY
Kalmadi Shri Suresh

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

he measures taken to solve the problems of dredging and inadequate draft availability in Indian ports in the absence of a National Maritime Policy?

Answer

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

A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.310 FOR ANSWER ON 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2007 RAISED BY SHRI SURESH KALMADI REGARDING NATIONAL MARITIME POLICY

Dredging for deepening of port channels and basins is undertaken by the Major Ports from time to time to keep pace with the draft requirements of vessels calling and expected to call at these ports in future. This is a part of the on-going process to improve port infrastructure. Under the National Maritime Development Programme, a total of 25 projects for deepening of channels/berths etc. in the Major Ports have been identified to be taken up for implementation over a period upto 2011-12.

Non-Major Ports are under the overall jurisdiction of the respective State Governments in whom the responsibility for their development vests.