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

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal for deepening the channels of some major ports;
- (b) if so, the estimated cost of each of these channel deepening projects (port-wise);
- (c) the number of phases in which the deepening work would be completed;
- (d) whether any time limit has been fixed for the completion of the deepening work; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Deepening of port channels is undertaken by the major ports from time to time to keep pace with the draught requirements of vessels calling at these ports. This is a part of an on-going process to improve port infrastructure.

The following projects for deepening of channels in major ports are proposed to be taken up during Annual Plan period 2005-06:-

- (i) Kolkata Port - River Regulatory Measures for improvement of draught in Hooghly Estuary at an estimated cost of Rs.385.03 crores.
- (ii) Cochin Port - Dredging for International Container Transhipment Terminal Project at Vallarpadam at an estimated cost of Rs.422 crores.
- (iii) Jawaharlal Nehru Port - Deepening and Widening of Main Harbour Channel and JN Port Approach Channel at an estimated cost of Rs.640 crores.
- (iv) Visakhapatnam Port - Deepening the Port Waterways, including slope protection at an estimated cost of Rs.29 crores.
- (v) Kandla Port - Deepening of approaches to Sogal Channel and Navigational channel in Kandla Creek and Deepening and widening of the channel in the approaches to Kandla Creek at a total estimated cost of Rs.98.50 crores.
- (vi) Paradip Port - Deepening of channel at an estimated cost of Rs.148.59 crores.
- (vii) New Mangalore Port - Deepening of channel and lagoon at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crores.