

Title: Need to initiate measures for de-silting of shipping channel in Haldia Dock Complex.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (TAMLUK): Sir, Haldia Dock Complex a subsidiary of Kolkata Port is facing serious problem due to deterioration of draft in shipping channel following deposit of huge silt. Kolkata Port Trust has prepared a revised River Regulatory Scheme in Consultation with National Institute of Ocean Technology for capital dredging. Ministry of Shipping has not yet accorded its approval. Mention should be made that Dredging Corporation of India which is engaged by the Government of India for maintenance dredging disposes dredged soils in river causing re-circulation of the same in channel. As sequence of it, no tangible result is being achieved. So disposal of soil on shore is felt highly necessary.

I request the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Minister of Shipping to take following measures for redressal of the problems as note above.

Approval of revised River regulatory scheme submitted by Kolkata Port Trust.

Approval of proposal of land acquisition made by Kolkata Port Trust for shore disposal of dredged soils.

Installation of SBM at Sandhead.

Coal transloading at sandhead or at anchorage of Kanika Island north of Dhamra 40 km off Sandhead.