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Title : Need to improve the condition of the Haldia Port in West Bengal and undertake dredging of various approach channels to the Haldia Port.

SHRI PRABODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE): The conditions pertaining to the Haldia Port in West Bengal is fast deteriorating endangering the very existence of the Port itself. The depths available in various approach channels to the Port is fast decreasing which requires constant dredging of the channels, such as Auckland Channel, Haldia Channel, etc. Already the big ships with heavy draft had stopped to visit this port. The casual approach to tackle the issue and non-implementation of the recommendation of river commission is aggravating the problem further. The need of the hour is to take measures at war footing by all concerned with the Port keeping in view its importance on the economic life of the country particularly Eastern India.

I would, therefore, like to request the Government to take all possible steps to save this prestigious port of the country.

...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow, the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 11.00 a.m.

**12.12 hrs**

## **The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock**

*on Wednesday, February 24, 2010/Phalguna 5, 1931 (Saka).*

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