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Title: Regarding formation of Haldia Port Trust.

SHRI SUVENDU ADHIKARI (TAMLUK): Respected Madam Speaker, I would like to bring it to the kind notice of the hon. Shipping Minister a very important and urgent matter of public importance....(*Interruptions*) The most important riverine port of our country, Haldia, is in my Constituency....(*Interruptions*) Haldia is a very potential and growing industrial town. More than Rs. 50,000 crore have been invested on this riverine port by the private investors. ...(*Interruptions*) They depend on this port. But nowadays, this port is facing a very serious crisis due deterioration of draft....(*Interruptions*) A huge amount of silt is getting deposited every day in the river Hoogli and Haldia....(*Interruptions*) The passage at Jellingham and Auckland is already choked....(*Interruptions*)

So, it is my humble submission to the hon. Shipping Minister that Haldia Port Trust Authority should be formed as early as possible to survive this potential riverine port of our country....(*Interruptions*) The capital dredging should be done by the private dredging company through e-tender and not through the Dredging Corporation of India. Thank you....(*Interruptions*)