

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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SETHUSAMUDRAM PROJECT
V. VETRISLVAN

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the long pending demand of Tamil Nadu for implementing the Sethusamudram project;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to implement the project; and
- (c) the reasons for delay in implementing the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Shipping has requested Chairman, Tuticorin Port Trust to go ahead for inviting the tenders for undertaking the feasibility/environment studies for the Sethusamudram Ship Canal Project. Tuticorin Port Trust has already initiated action to conduct the feasibility/environmental study.