

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA**

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CAPACITY OF DREDGING CORPORATION OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether at present the Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) could cater to only around 50 per cent of the requirement of the ports, Navy and other establishments;
- (b) if so, the present dredging capacity of DCI per annum in comparison to the dredging requirement of the country's major ports; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken to increase the capacity of Dredging Corporation of India by acquiring new dredgers?

Answer

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a)to(c) The present dredging capacity of Dredging Corporation of India is 41.5 million cu.m. (In situ). The estimated average annual maintenance dredging requirement of Major Ports, Navy and other establishments during Ninth plan period is 79 million cu.m. (In situ) including 57 million cu.m. for major ports. The capacity of the Dredging Corporation of India will increase to about 56 million cu.m. (In situ) per annum, with the addition of 2 trailer suction dredgers of 7400 cu.m. hopper capacity each in the year 2001, for which orders have been placed.