

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF MINOR PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the minor ports from various States included in the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) for development;
- (b) whether proposals from the State Governments have been received for private sector participation for development of ports;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Governments particularly from Maharashtra for Central assistance for the development of Ports;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a): Initially, one minor port in each Maritime State has been proposed for development under National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) for promotion of coastal shipping. The details of the selected minor ports are as under:

- (i) Gopalpur(Orissa)
- (ii) Azhikkal(Kerala)
- (iii) Malpe(Karnataka)
- (iv) Dharamtar(Maharashtra)
- (v) Magdalla (Gujarat)
- (vi) Cuddalore(Tamil Nadu)
- (vii) Gangavaram(Andhra Pradesh)

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d) to (f): A proposal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra for inclusion of projects for development of minor ports in the State under the National Maritime Development Programme(NMDP). As only one port from each Maritime State was to be included, only Dharamtar port was included from Maharashtra. The selected minor ports are to be developed under a new proposed Centrally Sponsored Scheme, which is yet to be approved by the Government.