

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

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STATUS OF NEW MARITIME POLICY
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the draft Maritime Policy has now been finalized;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the Policy; and
- (c) the time by which the Policy is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The National Maritime Policy under finalisation aims to make Indian shipping and ports competitive and cost effective, increase the capacity of the Indian Ports, bring the Indian Ports at par with the leading ports of the world, augment Indian tonnage,increase the flow of private investment,ensure a competitive environment to prevent emergence of monopolies,to promote and strengthen shipbuilding, promote indigenous ship design and research and to develop and integrate the Inland Waterways to the national transport network.