

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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WITHDRAWAL OF DREDGERS BY DCI
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has ascertained reasons that led the Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) to withdraw their dredgers from Haldia Port Complex; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the measures taken by the Government to resolve the crisis?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): DCI is deploying dredgers to KoPT/Haldia as per contractual agreement between KoPT and DCI. The contract inter-alia stipulates deployment of six dredgers. DCI has deployed the committed dredgers at Haldia. It has not withdrawn any committed dredgers from Haldia. Some additional dredgers had been deployed on request from Kolkata/Haldia Port to meet the urgent requirements. The additional dredgers were redeployed to other ports in order to meet/fulfill the contractual obligations there.

(b): Does not arise