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DECREASE IN DEPTH OF MAJOR PORTS DOCK COMPLEXES
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated/proposes to formulate any long-term solution/plan to solve the problem of decrease in depth of Major Ports Dock Complexes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose, port-wise; and
- (c) the details of alternative measures adopted by the Government to solve such problems till the implementation of the said plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): None of the Major Port except Kolkata Port Trust (Haldia Dock Complex is facing the problem of decrease in depth in Dock Complexes. Haldia being situated on an alluvial river Hooghly faces the problem of siltation. The problem of siltation has worsened over the years resulting in decline in draft of navigational channel leading to Haldia Dock Complex. For improvement of draft in Haldia Channel, Kolkata Port Trust has taken up River Regulatory Measures (RRM) which comprise of River Training Works and Capital Dredging. The revalidation study of the scheme has been completed by M/s. WAPCOS – CWPRS through mathematical model study in the light of present bathymetry and hydro dynamic condition of the river.

(b): In respect of RRM, following funds has been allocated/provided for the last three years:

(i) 2008-09 - Rs. 0.50 crore

(ii) 2009-10 - Rs. 2.00 crores

(iii) 2010-11 - Rs. 1.00 crore

(c): Following alternative measures have been taken by Kolkata Port Trust to arrest the deteriorated condition of draft in shipping channel leading to Haldia Dock Complex:-

- (i) Rebuilding of spurs at Nischinatapur area
- (ii) Bank protection work at Ghoramara Island
Both the works are nearing completion.