

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4990  
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DREDGING WORK AT PALK STRAIT  
MUTTEMWAR SHRI VILAS BABURAO

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the dredging work of navigable channel through the Palk Strait between India and Sri Lanka is keeping pace with the schedule fixed for its completion; and

(b) if so, the cost of the project and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): The dredging work at Palk Strait is presently not keeping pace with the schedule fixed for its completion as the feasibility of an alternative alignment for the proposed channel is yet to be decided. The cost of the Project can be firmly estimated only after a decision is taken with regard to the alternative alignment.