

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:433
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2009
SAGAR MALA PROJECT
Panda Shri Baijayant

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of the Sagar Mala Project;
- (b) the funds allocated, released and utilized under the said project during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the targets fixed and achievements made therein during the above period; and
- (d) the extent to which the scheme has helped in the rapid capacity expansion and modernisation of ports along India's west and east coasts?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 433 FOR ANSWER ON 3RD AUGUST, 2009 RAISED BY SHRI BAJAYANT JAY PANDA, REGARDING SAGAR MALA PROJECT.

(a) to (d): The draft outline of "Sagar Mala" Programme which was prepared pursuant to the announcement of Sagar Mala initiative by the then Prime Minister on 15th August, 2003, could not be processed to its finality. No project has, therefore, been taken up under this Programme. However, with the objective to modernise the port infrastructure, a National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) has been formulated by the Ministry of Shipping. Under this programme, in the Major Ports, 276 projects have been identified for implementation up to 2012, covering entire gamut of activities, namely, deepening of channels, rail-road connectivity projects, equipment upgradation/modernisation schemes etc. An amount of Rs.55,804 crores is to be invested in the Port Sector under this programme.