

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3068  
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DEEPENING OF CHANNELS AT MAJOR PORTS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to deepen the channels of major ports including Paradip Port, Jawahar Lal Nehru Port;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated for the purpose, port-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government of India has formulated a National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP). Under this programme, 25 projects pertaining to deepening of channels/berths including Paradip Port and Jawaharlal Nehru Port have been identified to be taken up for implementation up to 2011-12.

(c):Gross Budgetary Support for dredging has been allocated to Cochin Port Trust and Tuticorin Port Trust for 2009-10, details of which are as under:-

(i) Cochin Port Trust : Rs.99.97 Crores

(ii) Tuticorin Port Trust : Rs. 5.00 Crores