

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF VESSELS TRAFFIC SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish any Vessels Traffic System in Gulf of Kutch to regulate the shipping traffic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the name of firm to which this project has been assigned;
- (c) the time scheduled for completion of the said project; and
- (d) the time and cost escalation, if any, occurred in the implementation of the project alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Yes, Sir,

(b): The project consists of Civil Engineering work, telecommunication network and installation of equipment for the Vessel Traffic System. It comprises establishment of one Master Control Centre at Kandla, nine Radar Stations spread over the entire Gulf of Kutch, six Port Monitor Stations, two Radio direction finders, Meteorological and Hydrological Sensors and associated microwave link. The Civil Engineering work consists of construction of ten 60 meter, one 50 meter and two 30 meter high RCC towers, one Master Control Centre building and other ancillary buildings. The Civil Engineering work is spread over 21 sites. The project has been assigned to a consortium lead by M/s. Telecommunications Consultants India Limited. The other partners of the consortium are M/s. M. L. Dalmia and Company, Kolkata, and M/s Holland Institute of Traffic Technology, the Netherlands.

(c) & (d): The project was initially slated for completion by June, 2007. However, there has been time overrun due to remoteness of sites and slow progress of civil engineering works. The project is now rescheduled for completion by 31.3.2010. So far, no cost escalation has occurred in the implementation of the project except for payment to be made for additional work required to be done by the contractor.