

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
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SETTING UP OF MAJOR PORTS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up major port in the country including Dugarajapatnam in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) the estimated expenditure and the time within which the said projects are likely to be completed;

(d) whether the Government has also any proposal to modernize major ports in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. The Government has decided to set up two new major ports - one each at Sagar in West Bengal and the other at Dugarajapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. In respect of the Sagar Port, RITES has estimated capital cost (including connectivity project) at Rs.7820 crores. The tentative cost for Dugarajapatnam has been estimated at Rs.7988 crore by the Technical Committee set up by Ministry of Shipping. However, the feasibility study of the proposed location is also being carried out by RITES. In respect of Ports at Sagar and Dugarajapatnam, the concessions are targeted to be awarded in the financial year 2014-15.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. The Government has initiated a series of measures to modernise Major Ports in the country. As part of the endeavour, in 2012-13, 32 projects were awarded involving an estimated cost of Rs.6765 crores with capacity addition of 136.75 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA). During the current financial year (till date) total number of projects awarded is 5 involving a capacity addition of 48.59 MTPA with an investment of Rs.2045.25 crores.