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Title : Requests the Government to take steps for the improvement of Calcutta and Haldia Ports.

SHRI LAKSHMAN CHANDRA SETH (TAMLUK) : Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government, through you, regarding the improvement of the Calcutta and the Haldia Ports. You know, Sir, that the Calcutta Port is a riverine Port and the Haldia Dock Complex was considered as a subsidiary of the Calcutta Port Trust. Because the two Ports are riverine, they are facing heavy siltation problem in the river-bed. The important point is that sufficient fund is not allo-

cated for the improvement of the Calcutta and the Haldia Ports.

In the last year's Revised estimate, it was found that no fund was allocated for the development or improvement of the Haldia Port. So, through you, I would like to bring the matter to the notice of the Government so that proper attention is drawn regarding the improvement of the Calcutta and the Haldia Ports.

You know, Sir, the Port is the backbone of the economy of our State. So, all the industrial development is depending on the Port. That is why, I would request you to direct the Government to take proper steps for the improvement of the Calcutta and the Haldia Ports.

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