

routes under Inland Water Transit and Trade Protocol between India and Bangladesh this National Waterway is connected with Haldia and Kolkata ports. The infrastructure is up-graded from time to time based on demand.

(c) There is no port or place with the name of Dhulori of this National Waterway. However, Dhubri town in Assam is situated on this waterway and IWAI has provided one floating pontoon with crane for mechanical handling of cargo at Dhubri. The floating pontoon with bamboo approach jetty is operational at Dhubri also.

#### **Modernization of major ports in Tamil Nadu**

3499. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to modernize the major ports in Tamil Nadu; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated therefor, port-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) and (b) As per ongoing National Maritime Development Programme, the Government has planned to modernize all the major ports of the country including the major ports located in Tamil Nadu. This programme, *inter-alia*, includes deepening of channels, construction/upgradation of new berths/terminals through public private participation, mechanization of cargo handling facilities including replacement of old equipments, rail road connectivity.

During Eleventh Five Year Plan, the funds allocated to Chennai, Tuticorin and Ennore Ports are Rs. 1254.79 crores, Rs. 1448.20 crores and Rs. 1277.74 crores respectively.

#### **Illegal import of banned materials**

3500. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that banned materials are illegally imported into our country;
- (b) if so, the details of the banned materials imported illegally including arms, rocket shells, medicines, bombs and electronic waste at various ports during each of the last three years and the current year, port-wise;
- (c) the action taken to check such violations;
- (d) whether Government proposes to install scanners at all ports to ensure detection of these items; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) and (b) Port-wise details of the banned materials imported illegally at various ports during each of the last three years and the current year are as under:—

Years	Details of all Major Ports
2009-10 (upto June)	Nil
2008-09	Nil
2007-08	Nil
2006-07	At Cochin Port Trust in Kerala an imported consignment had been declared to contain 810 cartons of chappals and furniture in one 40 feet containers seized by the customs. Out of these 810 cartons, 37 cartons were found to contain arms (49 air-pistol and 37 air-guns). The consignment was seized on 9.1.2007 and is presently lying at the customs warehouse.

(c) Not applicable as the provisions related to illegal imports are dealt by Customs Department under Import Export Policy.

(d) and (e) Two scanners (one Stationary and one mobile) for scanning of containers for arms and ammunition have been installed at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and are operational since June, 2005. Two scanners in each of Mumbai, Chennai, Tuticorin and Kandla Ports are proposed to be installed by Department of Revenue.

12.00 NOON

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**PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

**MOUs (2009-10) between the Government of India and various companies**

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

- (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Shipping, Road, Transport and Highways) and the Shipping Corporation of India Limited (SCI) for the year 2009-10.

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- (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Shipping) and the Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Limited (HDPEL) for the year 2009-10.

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[THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) IN THE CHAIR]

**Outcome Budget (2009-10) of the Ministry of Civil Aviation**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Outcome Budget for the year 2009-10 in respect of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

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