

COST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION FOR SHALLOW WATER MAINTENANCE DREDGING

In the recent years, Govt. of India under its SagarMala Scheme have invested vastly to develop small ports/jetties, @ various river channels. This move is envisaged to open up trade to distant locations, and act as a major boost to develop the Indian waterways and the shore waters for effective operations.

As against major ports with coastal advantage and increased water depth, same is not the case for inland waterways, which are usually, affected by shallow depths & high sedimentation over time.

Thereby, high capacity/big size dredgers, operational at major ports are not always feasible for the inland operations.

To meet this demand, the existing merchant vessels lying dormant & out of operation, can be answer to the question of “how we meet up with the steady increase in demand for dredgers for shallow operations.”

In a broad prospect, the mini bulk carriers, can be converted to suitable split hopper/TSH dredgers, as need be to suit the requirements. In a detailed study it can be well foreseen, the cost of conversion of such vessels, as against the demand is merely a fraction & can be a temporary solution to the immediate demand.

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