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The government is going to build a 1200-metre multipurpose terminal at the country's third-largest Payra seaport in Patuakhali. It will use some $750 million of $4.5 billion third Indian line of credit to this end. As planned, this staggering $750 million would be spent to build multipurpose terminal which would go into operation by 2022.

Talking to Bangladesh Post, shipping minister Shahjahan Khan said funding for constructing the terminal at Payra is already confirmed following assurances of the Indian LoC-III. “India has assured us of disbursing the fund as soon as we start constructing the terminal,” he added.

The government has an eight-year planning of building deep-sea terminal, transshipment terminal and coal terminal as well as launching capital dredging with an estimated cost of $5 billion. Payra Port Authority hopes all the activities would be completed by 2025 and the port would be operational in full swing for uploading and unloading by the time.

Talking to this correspondent on Sunday, Commodore Jahangir Alam, chairman of Payra Port Authority, said, “Payra port is going to have massive investment for infrastructure development which is $750 million. This investment would come from Indian third line of credit (LoC).”
“We’ll construct a multipurpose terminal, deep-sea terminal, trans-shipment terminal and coal terminal as well. To increase navigability of the terminal, we have a plan to launch capital dredging. Upon completion of the dredging, it would be able to anchor 16-metre depth oceangoing ship and the ships size would be as much as 300 metres long.”

The proposed multipurpose terminal for the country's third seaport will be 1200 metres long and 300-metre vessels.

Officials said after capital dredging in the Payra river channel, seafaring 16-metre deep and 300-metre vessels could anchor at the country's 3rd seaport.

Port sources said the feasibility study on the proposed multipurpose terminal would be completed by March this year.

Once the study is done, this project would be placed to the planning commission for approval.

“We will call for tender as soon as possible once the planning commission cleared the file,” Alam said.

The project detailed also said it is now constructing a small (650m) terminal under the government finance for unloading of imported construction materials to be used for developing this port.

On the other hand, construction of coal terminal at Payra is currently underway for unloading coal from mother vessels for the proposed 1200MW coal-fired power plant.
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