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Amit Mitra, state finance, industry and commerce minister on Friday said that the state has planned a Rs 10,000 crore port project at Tajpur, with 9 berths, six of which would be constructed in the first phase and rest three in the second phase. The state envisages having industrial parks connecting the port and it has already firmed up plans to better the state highway infrastructure connecting the port.