Environmentalists say the port poses a threat to endangered sea turtles, and appealed to Tata Steel to reconsider the project. The 180-km port is one of the three projects that the government has earmarked a total of Rs 1,800 crore for development. The port will be built on the Dhamra river and will stretch into the Bay of Bengal. It will have two deep-water berths, one of which will be used by the steel company and the other by shipping companies. The port will also have a coal terminal and can handle a variety of dry goods. The port will be operational in 2009.