

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2106
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COASTAL SHIPPING
BHASKAR RAO PATIL;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government are drawing up the blue print to develop a string of ports in the entire Indian peninsula; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a)&(b): Major Ports fall under the administrative domain of the Central Government. At present, there is no proposal to set up a new major port. Development of minor ports (non-major ports) is within the ambit of the respective State Government. However, Ministry of Shipping has decided to get a study conducted for development of coastal shipping and minor ports, for which Director General (Shipping), Mumbai has already been requested to take necessary action to engage consultant for the proposed study.