

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CAPACITY OF PARADIP PORT FOR NON COKING COAL
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the capacity of Paradip Port for handling Non- coking coal at present ;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the capacity of the port ; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) : Paradip port is capable of handling 3.5 Million Tonnes of imported Non-coking coal during the current year. Apart from this, the port is also capable of handling thermal coal of 20 Million Tonnes per annum.

(b) & (c) : Yes, Sir. Capacity enhancement of infrastructure in the ports is an ongoing process. However, in order to increase the capacity of Paradip Port steps like construction of Deep draft iron ore berth on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis for handling of cape size vessels of 1, 25,000 Metric Tonnes (MT) and construction of clean cargo berth on BOT basis to handle Dry Bulk cargo such as fertilizer, food grains and containers have been initiated. Apart from this, deepening of channel to 16.9 metres depth is planned to be taken up after obtaining necessary approvals.