

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

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LIGHT HOUSES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total kilometres of coastal line in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the number of light houses in operation;
- (c) the number of light houses not in operation presently and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether fishermen from Tamil Nadu have demanded for more light houses to help them in navigation; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Union Government thereon

Answer

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

- (a): The length of coastline in Tamil Nadu is 906.9 kilometres.
- (b): 17 Lighthouses, including one Lighthouse at Pondichery, are in operation. Besides, 4 DGPS (Differential Global Positioning System) Stations and 6 Racons (Radio Transponder Beacon), including one each at Pondichery are also in operation.
- (c): There is no Lighthouse, which is not in operation presently.
- (d) to (e): Yes, Sir. Proposal for establishment of a Lighthouse at Poompuhar has been received. Its construction will depend on its inclusion in the 11th Five Year Plan.