

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:214

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PRIVATISATION OF PORTS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to privatise ports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is proposing to set up new port between Marmugao and JNPT on Konkan coast in Maharashtra to handle heavy traffic; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): There is no proposal under consideration to privatize major ports in the country which are under the administrative control of the Central Government. Ports, other than major ports are under the overall jurisdiction of the respective maritime State Governments.

(c) and (d): There is no proposal under consideration to set up a new major port between Marmugao and Jawaharlal Nehru Ports on Konkan Coast.