

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3481

ANSWERED ON:16.04.2008

DEVELOPMENT OF ROADS AND PORTS FOR MOVING FOODGRAINS

Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba

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

- (a) whether the godown facilities in India are very meager compared to countries such as Russia, China, United States, Brazil and Australia as reported in the 'Hindu' dated 19th February 2008;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to develop roads and ports to move foodgrains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to increase goods handling capacities of ports from 600 million metric tonnes to 1500 million metric tonnes;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

- (a) to (f): The information is being collected and would be laid on the table of the house in due course.