

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

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PORTS DAMAGED DUE TO TSUNAMI

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

- (a) whether Southern Ports have suffered damage due to Tsunami;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Port-wise;
- (c) the details of business lost by the ports as a result thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for reconstruction of these ports;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to check recurrence of damages caused due to such incidents?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Damage to ports in southern parts of the country and in Andaman & Nicobar Islands has occurred due to Tsunami. Ports other than major ports are under the administrative control of the State Governments concerned. In case of major ports, damages have occurred in Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Tuticorin Ports. In the case of major ports, a loss of business of Rs.3.0 crores took place in Chennai Port. Damage to port and harbour infrastructure in Andaman & Nicobar Islands have also taken place. Repair/ construction of temporary jetties/ramps have been carried out in almost all the Islands of Andaman & Nicobar and in the major ports of Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Tuticorin. An amount of Rs. 492.76 crores has been estimated for repair/restoration/ renovation/ replacement of infrastructure damaged. In addition, a sum of approx. Rs.1270 crores has tentatively been estimated for creation of additional facilities.

(f) Expert from IIT Chennai and Roorkee, Water and Power Consultancy Services (WAPCOS), New Delhi and Central Water and Power Research Station, (CWPRS), Pune are being consulted for the repair/restoration/ reconstruction/ replacement works.