

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

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PARADEEP PORT
Mahtab Shri Bhartruhari

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

- (a) whether the Paradeep Port is under tremendous pressure as a result of which India's exports are being adversely affected;
- (b) if so, whether the clearance at the port is being affected as a result of the lack of coordination between the port authorities and the transporters; and
- (c) if so, the manner in which the Government proposes to ensure that the clearance at the port is done quickly?

Answer

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

(a) : No, Sir.

(b)& (c): The cargo handled at the ports are received both by rail and roads. Cargo received by road are causing some congestion for which the Port Trust has initiated immediate measures by putting extra personnel to regularise the flow of traffic. The National Highways Authority has already undertaken the work of four-laning of NH-5A at a cost of Rs. 420 crores (approx.). Paradip Port has contributed about 10% of the total cost of the project towards a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed for the purpose. The work has already begun since February, 2004 and is likely to be completed within a period of three years. In addition to the above, regular meetings are undertaken with the transporters, weighbridge operators, shippers to address the issue for faster clearance of cargo to and from the port.