

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

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UPGRADATION OF ROADS NEAR PORTS IN GUJARAT  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Coast line in Gujarat has a number of ports which are strategically located near the Oil producing countries; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to upgrade and strengthen the Road infrastructure leading to all the important ports of Gujarat?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Union Government has up-graded State Highways Mandvi Narayan Sarovar road (Km.143) and Somanath-Dwarka road (Km.206) into National Highways in February, 2004. The following works are approved for strengthening the road infrastructure leading to ports in Gujarat:-

Sr. No.	NH No.	Name of the Ports (leading to)	Work approved Amount in Rupees	Estimated
1.	8 A Extn.	New Between Mandvi and Jakhau	Widening to two lane (60 km) and Improvement to riding surface (5 km.)	16.00 Cr.
2.	8 A Extn.	Mundra Port	Strengthening (25 km) and Cross Drainage works widening and repairing.	12.00 Cr.
3.	8 A	Kandla Port	Improvement to riding surface(10 km.)	3.00 Cr.
4.	8 E	Gogha, Mahuva, Alang, Pipavav, Victor, Jafarabad and Diu Port.	Paved Side Shoulders (PSS) and Cross Drainage Works repairing (40 km)	20.00 Cr.
5.	8 D	Veraval and Mangrol Port	Paved Side Shoulders /Renewal (50 Km) and Cross Drainage works repairing	10.00 Cr.
6.	8 E Extn.	Porbandar and Dwarka	Improvement to riding surface (25 Km)	3.00 Cr.