

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:57  
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INSTALLATION OF RADIATION MONITOR PORTALS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to install Radiation Monitor Portals (RMP) at all major and non-major ports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the steel junk which is being imported from several companies is not being properly scanned at ports, resulting in the entry of radiation material;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the installation of RMP at ports is likely to check the entry of hazardous waste material?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): Government proposes to install Radiation Monitoring Portals (RMP) in all the Major Ports by 2012 with an objective of preventing smuggling of Radio active materials through these ports.
- (c) & (d): At present steel junk imported is visually examined by Customs Department which is empowered to check the import-export cargo.
- (e): The Radiation Monitor Portals will help prevent smuggling in/out of radio active hazardous materials only.