

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL ROAD CONNECTIVITY WITH MAJOR PORTS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to connect the major ports of the country with the National Highways and Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the major ports connected at present and proposed to be connected with Highways and Railways;
- (d) the present status of the plan along with the time by which said plan is likely to be completed;
- (e) whether the Government has upgraded existing road link with major ports into four lanes; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, major port-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a) to (c): Yes, Sir. All Major Ports in the country have already been provided with connectivity with National Highways and Railways.
- (d): Do not arise.
- (e): Yes, Sir. The Committee of Secretaries which was set up in the year 2006 for giving recommendations on Rail/Road Connectivity to Major Ports had recommended that each Major Port should have a four lane road connectivity. Based on the report, National Highways Authority of India has been taking up road projects through Special Purpose Vehicles/companies of NHAI.
- (f): The details of the funds allocated to Road Connectivity Projects during the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 and for current year are at Annexure.