

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1146
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JOINT VENTURE OF SHIPPING CORPORATION AND COAL INDIA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to develop ports through Joint Ventures
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has received any proposal by the State Governments/PSUs including Coal India Limited in the recent past;
- (c) if so, whether these proposals are viable;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the status of such proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN)

(a) to (e): There is no proposal at present with the Union Government to develop Ports through joint ventures. There is, however, a proposal at the Visakhapatnam Port to develop one or two berths with mechanized handling facilities for handling coal through joint venture with Coal India Limited which is at an initial stage.