

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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RADIATION MONITOR PORTALS
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to install Radiation Monitor Portals (RMPs) at all the ports and entry points in the country;
- (b) if so, 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; and
- (c) if so, the extent to which the installation of RMPs at ports has been able to check the import of hazardous waste material?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Shipping has decided to install Radiation Monitor Portals (RMPs) in all the major ports in the country by 2012.
- (b): Presently there are no equipment to scan the imported scrap for radiation.
- (c): Once the equipment is installed, all the consignments imported will be scanned for radioactive radiation.