

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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NON UTILISATION OF COASTLINE
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country's massive coastline is lying unutilised;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to explore the untrapped resources that would attract investments and create more employment opportunities in the country?

Answer

(MINISTER OF SHIPPING) (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (c): The Indian coastline is used for international trade through 12 major ports and about 200 non-major ports. The coast is also used for coastal shipping and landing of fishing trawlers. Ship building, ship repair, marina and inland water transport systems are also located on the coast. International trade and sea transportation has been continuously increasing over the past few years. Government is encouraging development of new berths and terminals through public-private partnership. Besides, it has also been decided to set up two new major ports in the country, one in West Bengal and the other in Andhra Pradesh.