

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2390
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2009
CARGO EVACUATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to develop rail capacity in the country for cargo evacuation to and from the port; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2390 BY SHRI VARUN GANDHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03-12-2009 REGARDING CARGO EVACUATION.

(a): All the major ports of the country and the existing minor ports are already connected by rail. Increasing rail capacity on port rail networks, which are offering or have the potential to offer increasing rail bound traffic, is an ongoing process in the Railways.

(b): The important port connectivity projects, which are currently in progress are as follows:

Western Ports:

1. Gauge Conversion of Bhildi-Samdhari section for connectivity to Kandla Port.
2. Gauge Conversion of Bharuch-Samni-Dahej section for connectivity to Dahej Port.
3. Dedicated freight line between Wadala-Kurla for augmenting capacity and ease of evacuation from Mumbai Port.
4. Gandhidham – Kandla Port doubling to augment capacity of evacuation from Kandla Port.
5. Gandhidham-Adipur doubling to augment capacity of evacuation from Mundra Port. Eastern Ports:
6. New line connecting Haridaspur-Paradip for connectivity to Paradip Port. Southern Ports:
7. New Line between Vallarpadam-Idapally for connectivity to International Container Transshipment Terminal, Vallarpadam, Cochin.
8. New line between Obulavarpalle-Krishnapattnam for connectivity to Krishnapattanam Port.
9. Doubling of Samalkot – Kakinada section for increasing evacuation capacity of Kakinada port.
10. 3rd line between Vizianagaram-Kottavalasa for increasing evacuation capacity of Vishakhapatnam Port.
11. 4th line between Kottavalasa-Simhachalam for increasing evacuation capacity of Vishakhapatnam Port.