

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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CONNECTING OF PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to connect all the ports of the country with highways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to connect Mormugao Port to Verna;
- (d) if so, the current status of the said proposal; and
- (e) the allocation made by the Government for the said projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): In the year 2006, the Report of the Committee of Secretaries (COS) on Road Rail Connectivity of Major Ports recommended four lane road connectivity to each Major Port. Accordingly, all the Major Ports have been connected with National Highways.

(c) to (e): The work of Port connectivity project of four lane road from Verna Junction to Sada Junction connecting to Mormugao Port Trust (MoPT) was started in June, 1998. The stretch of 13.10 km of road from Verna Junction to Varunapuri Junction has been completed and thrown open for traffic since May, 2004. The balance 5.20 km from Varunapuri Junction (13.10 km) to Sada Junction (18.30 km) and flyover at gate No. 9 of the Port to NH-17B could not be completed as Government of Goa could not hand over the balance stretches of land to NHA. While hearing a Special Leave Petition on the project, the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 17.09.2012, has ordered that the work will be taken up by the Government of Goa and the funds will be shared by NHA and MoPT for executing the balance work. Accordingly, an amount of Rs.75 crores has been allocated for MoPT under the Government Budgetary Support (GBS) for the year 2013-14.