

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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LINKING OF PORTS WITH AIRPORTS RAILWAYS AND HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that many ports in the country are not properly linked with airports, railways and highways across the country;
- (b) if so, whether exports are severely affected due to lack of linkage with airports, railways and highways;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of action being taken by the Government to develop and link ports with airports, railways and highways across the country; and
- (e) the fund allocated this year to achieve the desired target, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

- (a)to(c): All Major Ports in the country are connected with National Highways/State Highways or its arterial routes and Indian Railways Network. Out of 12 Major Ports, 9 Major Ports are connected with airports.
- (d): Government of India is in the process of evolving a model of port-led development through the Sagar Mala Project which would not only connect the ports with the hinterland through road and rail, but also develop the inland waterways transport and coastal shipping.
- (e): No fund has been allocated in the year 2014-15.