

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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PENDING PORT PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several infrastructure projects of the ports situated in Tamil Nadu are lying idle; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): In so far as Major Ports situated in the State of Tamil Nadu are concerned, two berths/terminals are lying idle, namely Bharathi Dock-II of Chennai Port and Iron ore Terminal of Kamarajar Port. Handling of dusty cargoes such as iron ore and coal have been banned in Chennai Port following an order by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras and this has rendered the Bharathi Dock-II in Chennai Port idle. Regarding Kamarajar Port, the ban on iron ore mining and subsequent restrictions on iron ore mining by Hon'ble Supreme Court has resulted in no iron ore export traffic leaving the iron ore terminal idle and hence both the ports are looking at alternative uses.