

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PROVISION OF RAIL LINKS TO PORTS
Bhabhor Shri Jasvantsinh Sumanbhai

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any initiative for providing rail link to small ports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the small ports identified by the Government for carrying out such work in future;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any time frame for carrying out the said works;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) 1. To serve future ports of Sagar Island:

- i) New Rail link between Kakadwip and Budhakhali,
- ii) Kulpi and Diamond Harbour,
- iii) Diamond Harbour/Gurdas Nagar & Bkrahahat,
- iv) Bakrahahat & Pujali,
- v) Pujali & Uluberia/Birshivpur and
- vi) Doubling of Dankuni – Bhattanagar section has been sanctioned.

2. Survey of Windmill to Bedi Port and Porbandar to Porbandar port has been sanctioned.

3. In principle approval for connectivity to GMR Kakinada Sea Port from the existing Thimmapuram halt station in between Annavaram-Hamsavaram block section.

4. Projects for Rail connectivity to Jaigarh Port have been sanctioned. In principle approval has also been given for rail connectivities to Ports of Rewas, Dighi, Tuna, Chhara, Astranga, Hazira.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.