

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 707

TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

CONNECTING OF BEYPORE PORT

707. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) the current status of Bharatmala/Sagarmala Programme at Kozhikode connecting Beypore port with NH 66 and NH 766;
- (b) whether any steps are being taken for connecting Beypore port at Kozhikode with National Highways;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any review meetings for this project, if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government has plans for such meeting in near future; and
- (d) whether the Government has noticed step by step erosion of coastal areas due to incessant attacks by waves and if so, the plans to prevent such erosion?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a),(b)&(c): Beypore road connectivity to Malaparamab beach with a length of 18 Km in Kerala is included in the list of Port connectivity Road stretches under Bharatmala Pariyojana phase-I. In the meeting held on 10.10.18 under Chairmanship of Secretary, MORTH, it was decided that port connectivity road under Bharatmala Pariyojana would be taken up by MoRTH/NHAI subject to condition that State Government should prepare the estimates/DPRs for the projects and born entire cost of land acquisition and utility shifting. In another review meeting held on 19th June, 2020 under the chairmanship of Secretary, MoRTH, it was decided to expedite the connectivity projects providing direct connectivity to the operational/substantially developed ports with priority for the ones having pre-construction activities and accordingly, Ministry of Shipping vide Office Memorandum dated 9th September, 2020 shared the priority list of 68 road connectivity projects, which includes above connectivity project also, for implementation under Bharatmala Pariyojna.

d) National Center for Coastal Research (NCCR), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Chennai has studied the shoreline changes along Indian coast for year 1990-2016. In this study it is found that about 62% of Kozhikode district coastline is experiencing varying degree of erosion. The low erosion has been noticed on the either side of Bepore fishing harbour. The result of shoreline changes along Kozhikkode are summarised Below:-

District	Total Coastline length (in km)	Coastline length (in km)						
		High Erosion	Moderate Erosion	Low Erosion	Stable	Low Accretion	Moderate Accretion	High Accretion
Kozhikkode	78.03	0.46	0.84	47.56	24.93	3.74	0.24	0.26

Planning and execution of anti-sea erosion measures are undertaken by the maritime States/UTs as per their own priority and from their own resources. The role of Union Government is technical, advisory and catalytic in nature. However, there is provision for providing central assistance to State Governments for taking up critical sea erosion works under FMBAP scheme as per guidelines.
