

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY TO MAJOR PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government held a meeting with senior officials of railways to revive a railway connectivity to the major ports to assess future requirements;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the assessment on existing traffic and project growth in the coming years;
- (d) the outcome of the discussions held;
- (e) whether any final decision taken to provide more connectivity by railway to ports; and
- (f) if so, the measures are likely to be implemented to improve the rail linkage to ports for improving the ports and also transportation of goods for these ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (f): The Committee on Infrastructure set up by the government, has constituted a Committee of Secretaries under the Chairmanship of Member Secretary, Planning Commission to review rail and road connectivity of Major Ports. Secretary (Shipping), Secretary (Road Transport and Highways), Secretary (Environment & Forests) and Member (Traffic), Railway Board are the members of this Committee. The Committee is mandated to review the existing rail and road connectivity of all major ports and to give its recommendations taking into account future traffic requirements. The report of the Committee is being finalized.