

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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IMPROVEMENT CREATION OF NEW FACILITIES AT SEAPORTS IN GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total coastal areas in Kilometres in Gujarat;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Gujarat for improvement and creation of new facilities at seaports of Gujarat;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the funds provided by the Union Government for development of coastal areas in Gujarat during each of the last three years and current year; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide funds for creation of new facilities/upgradation and development of existing facilities at seaports of Gujarat?

Answer

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

(a) The length of coastline in Gujarat is 1214.7 Kilometres.

(b) to (e) A Public Private Partnership Project proposal under the Viability Gap Scheme has been received from Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board(GIDB), a Government of Gujarat organization, relating to Coastal Water Transportation for providing Ro-Ro Ferry Services in Gulf of Cambay. The project proposes to start Ro-Ro ferry service between Ghogha (Bhavnagar) and Suvali (Surat). The ferry will carry loaded trucks/multi-axel trucks, goods and passengers. The project will involve development of port terminals and operation of ferry services as a single project. The project will be implemented through Private Sector Participation. Gujarat Maritime Board, Govt. of Gujarat is the sponsoring agency and the project is proposed to be implemented by a private entity to be selected through competitive bidding procedure.

The Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) had also proposed projects for development of minor ports at Magdalla, Naviakhi, Porbandar, Okha, Veraval and Bhavnagar under the proposed National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP). Government has, for the time being, decided to prepare the National Maritime Development Programme, comprising schemes/projects for development of Major Ports, Shipping and Inland Water Transport Systems only.