

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4005
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SETTING UP OF PRIVATE PORT NEAR PARADIP
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the private port being set up near Paradip Port will have any adverse effect on the existing Paradip Port;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to examine the proposal to set up the port in the private sector; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The proposed minor port for POSCO steel plant may lead to severe erosion along the coastline posing a threat to the port facilities at Paradip. Government of India as well as Paradip Port Trust have impressed upon the State Government of Orissa that Paradip Port after deepening of its channels will be in a position to develop its deep draft dock system and the facility can be made available on captive basis to POSCO. The State Government of Orissa has been urged to undertake intensive and detailed study regarding erosion if they decide to develop minor port for POSCO plant and associate Government of India and Paradip Port with such studies.