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ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING OF GOODS IN PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of proper arrangements for loading and unloading of goods in the ports which results in additional burden of freight on import and export of goods;
- (b) if so, the extent of its additional burden on goods like crude oil;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to improve such facilities in the ports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which proposed facilities are likely to be provided?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Ports are generally equipped to deal with loading and unloading of goods keeping in view the cargo profile a port is handling. However, improvement of the infrastructure of major ports in terms of loading and unloading of goods and other facilities in the country is an ongoing process. Under the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP), a total number of 276 projects in the major ports involving development of berths, deepening of channels, equipment upgradation and modernization, rail and road connectivity and other associated projects are planned to be implemented by 2011-12.