

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4010
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2005
ROAD AND RAIL CONNECTIVITY TO VARIOUS PORTS
Sidhu Shri Navjot Singh

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen road and rail connectivity to various ports to ensure quick evacuation of cargoes etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Augmentation of road and rail connectivity to the Ports is an ongoing process depending on the traffic requirements. The details of road and rail connectivity projects are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ROAD CONNECTIVITY TO MAJOR PORTS

S. No. Name of Port Scope of Work Likely completion date

1. Kandla NH-8A (Samakhjali Gandhidham Road Project Pkg.-I) Four laning of km 306-324 Completed

NH-8A (Samakhjali Gandhidham Road Project Pkg.-II) Four laning of km 324-346 Completed

NH-8A (Samakhjali Gandhidham Road Project Pkg.-III) Four laning of km 346-362.160 Completed

2. Mumbai A) 700 M port road at Wadala across salt pans to truck terminus road at a cost of Rs 30 Crores. Port to contribute Rs.15 crores and balance by State Government A) Land acquisition is in progress

B) Anik Panjarpole Link "New road connecting the truck terminus road to the Eastern Express way. Total cost Rs140 crores and port's share @ 25%. Balance is to be borne by State Government B) Proposal to be completed by 2007.

3. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Phase-I

Four laning of NH-4B from km 5/000 to km 26/987 and km 0/000 to km 4/440 and four laning of NH-4 from km 106/000 to km 109/500 April, 2005

Phase-II

Four laning of SH-54 from km 6.400 - 14.550 May, 2007
and construction of four lane Aamra Marg
including six lane major bridge across
Panvel Creek (Belapur-Gavanphata - 6.202 km)
in Maharashtra State

4. Mormugao Four laning of NH-17B from Verna 13.km completed during
Junction on NH-17 to Mormugao Port June, 2004.
5. New Mangalore Four laning of NH-17 (Suratkal-Nantur Work is yet to be allotted.
section), NH-48 (Padil-Bantwal section) & The anticipated completion
a bypass from Nantur junction on NH-17 to time is 30 months from date
Padil junction on NH-48 of commencement.
6. Cochin Four laning of NH-47 from km 348/382 August, 2006
to km 358/750
7. Tuticorin Four laning of NH-7A from km 4/000 August, 2006
to km 51/200
- 8.& 9. Chennai and Ennore Chennai - Ennore Port Connectivity Project- October, 2005 for Sea
Chennai Ennore Expressway including sea Protection work along
protection work, TPP Road, Inner Ring Road, Ennore Expressway only;
Manali Oil Refinery Road likely completion for
the entire project-
December, 2007
10. Vishakapatnam Vishakhapatnam Port connectivity December, 2005
11. Paradip Four laning of NH-5A from km 0/0 to km 77/0 February, 2007
12. Kolkata Port Four laning of km 0/500 to km 52/700 of June, 2006
Kolaghat-Haldia section of NH-41 in the
State of West Bengal

RAIL CONNECTIVITY TO MAJOR PORTS

1. Mumbai Port : Connected to Indian Railways at Raoli Junction, Wadala. Feasibility
study is being conducted for construction of 5.5 kms new line
dedicated from Wadala to Kurla.
2. Jawaharlal Nehru Port : Connected to Panvel by a single line Railway track. Doubling of this
track at a cost of Rs 60 crores is in progress and likely to be
completion by December, 2005.
3. Cochin Port : Connected to Southern Railway. Rail link to Vallarapadam is to be
executed in time with commissioning of the terminal, by 2008, through
establishment of Special Purpose Vehicle after approval of the
appropriate authorities.
4. New Mangalore Port : Hassan-Mangalore Railway Development Co.Ltd, a Special Purpose Vehicle
has been formed to undertake gauge conversion of the Hassan-Mangalore line.

5. Paradip Port : Port is connected to the Howrah-Chennai Trunk line by a single line section with Cuttack, which is being doubled. The work on Haridaspur-Paradip rail link is yet to commence. The work has been entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). Work on Jakhapur-Bansapani rail link is in progress and is likely to be completed by December, 2005. Second Mahanadi Bridge is also under construction to be completed by end 2007. Doubling of Cuttack-Paradip line to be completed by Sept., 2005.
6. Kandla Port : There is dual gauge rail connectivity upto the Port gates. Gandhidham-Palanpur gauge conversion is under progress through Kutch Railway Company Ltd. Port has signed MOU with Ministry of Railways for conversion of existing Samakhiali-Palanpur line.
7. Ennore Port : Feasibility study has been conducted for rail connectivity between Ennore Port and main line of railways. Proposal for Rail link between Puttur-Attipattu to facilitate iron-ore traffic from Bellari Hospet to Ennore Port is under consideration.
8. Visakhapatnam Port : Proposal for doubling of Rayagada-Titlagarh-Raipur line and electrification of Vizayanagram-Raipur line is being considered.
9. Tuticorin Port : Port is connected by BG with major cities like Tirunelveli in the west, Nagercoil and Trivendram in the south and Mudurai, Trichi, Chennai and Bangalore in the north.
10. Kolkata Port :

Kolkata Dock System (KDS) : KDS is connected to main trunk line at Dankuni via Dankuni-Sealdah-Majerhat link.
- Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) : HDC is connected to South Eastern Railway via Panskura. Railways have undertaken doubling of Panskura-Rajgoda section in the first phase. Doubling of Rajgoda-Durgachak line is to be undertaken in the next phase.
11. Mormugao Port : Port is connected to the South Western Railway and the Konkan Railway Network. A new line between Kulem-Gunji to eliminate bottle-neck for rail operation at Braganza Ghat section is being considered.
12. Chennai Port : Port is well connected with railway network and as per port the existing connectivity is adequate as substantial volume of coal has been shifted to Ennore and iron-ore handling will be transferred to Ennore in 2008.