

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2002  
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RO-RO TERMINAL PROJECT  
Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from State Government of Gujarat regarding the environmentally sound Ro-Ro terminal project in Gulf of Cambay;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend financial support for funding the viability gap of this environment friendly ferry project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (d): A proposal from Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board for viability gap funding for Ro-Ro Ferry Service in Gujarat was received in August, 2006. Government of Gujarat requested for grant of Rs.50 crores under the viability gap funding scheme. The ferry terminals were to be built by a private party that will also operate the ferry service on a monopoly basis. The proposal was considered by the Empowered Institution and it was pointed out that Government of India Grant funds cannot be utilized to support monopoly infrastructure services. The Project Authority was requested to revise the proposal. Revised proposal has not been submitted by the State Government.