

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:63
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2014
SETHUSAMUDRAM PROJECT
Raajhaa Shri Anwhar

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Sethusamudram project;
- (b) whether the Government has proposed an alternative route for Sethusamudram project, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has appointed Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) to undertake a pre-feasibility study of the new sea route;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the pre-feasibility study report is likely to be ready?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 63 FOR 27.11.2014 RAISED BY SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (LOK SABHA) REGARDING SETHUSAMUDRAM PROJECT

(a): Consequent to the order of the Supreme Court of India, implementation of the Sethusamudram Ship Channel Project (SSCP) has been stopped since July, 2009.

(b) to (d): Yes, Madam. Government of India is exploring the possibility of an alternate route for SSCP through Pamban Pass without affecting the Ram Sethu/Adam's Bridge. Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES) has carried out a pre-feasibility study and submitted the Report in November, 2014. Key findings of the Report are annexed.