

- Techno-economic feasibility study has been conducted by M/s RITES.
- Transaction Advisor for Sagar Port and Dugarajapatnam has been appointed.
- Application for land acquisition has been made and the process for obtaining environmental clearance for Dugarajapatnam has been initiated.

Rail-cum-road connectivity for Sagar Island deep sea port

1687. SHRI DEREK O BRIEN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) the detailed plan for developing rail-cum-road connectivity for Sagar Island deep sea port; and

(b) the detailed plans of the dedicated freight corridor connecting the said island with the rest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) Kolkata Port has entrusted the work of preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR) with identification of best technological option for crossing of river Muriganga in the proposed new Port at Sagar to National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL). Rail-road alignment involving 86.398 hectares of land acquisition has already been finalized.

(b) Sagar Port Project covers railway connectivity between Kashinagar Station and Sagar Port. Eastern Railways has taken up the project of Rail connectivity as a feeder route to Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) from Kashinagar to Dankuni.

Shipping services to Myanmar, Bangladesh etc.

1688. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to launch shipping services to Myanmar, Bangladesh and other coastal countries to boost ties;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether agreements between India and the above countries have since been signed to help the project to proceed ahead; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) and (b) Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. (SCI),

Mumbai has started India-Myanmar Shipping Service on 3rd October, 2014. The port rotation of the service is Colombo-Chennai-Krishnapatnam-Yangon-Colombo with the total round voyage of about 20 days.

(c) and (d) India and Bangladesh have finalized a Coastal Shipping Agreement between the two countries using vessels of river sea category or equivalent. The commencement of coastal shipping will give a boost to Exim Trade between the two countries.

Modernization of ports

1689. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for the modernization of different ports of the country, particularly the Paradeep Port and Visakhapatnam Port;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore and whether all the modern facilities are available in these ports, at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. All Major Ports prepare annual plans incorporating the modernization and capacity augmentation requirements of the respective major port and implement project accordingly. Port-wise details of modernization project is given in Statement.

Statement

Number of modernisation projects under implementation at major ports

Sl.No.	Port	Name of the Projects
1.	Kolkata Port Trust	(i) Development of Berth facilities at Haldia Dock II (North)
		(ii) Mechanisation of Berth 4B of HDC
		(iii) Integrated Ship-to-shore services including back-up operations at 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 NSD of KDS
		(iv) Integrated Container Handling at Berth Nos. 10 and 11 of HDC
		(v) Upgraded Vessels Traffic Management System (VTMS)
		(vi) One Stacker-cum Reclaimer for Coal Handling Plant at HDC