

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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VIZHINJAM INTERNATIONAL PORT-RAIL CONNECTIVITY

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Vizhinjam international port -rail connectivity project, of which land acquisition is already completed, has been included in the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan;
- (b) whether the Ministry will consider to undertake the construction of the 10.7 kms new line connectivity from Vizhinjam port to the main railway line of Thiruvananthapuram (TVM) division to generate a steady revenue utilizing the Vizhinjam Port; and
- (c) whether the Ministry on completion of the project would be willing to undertake operation and maintenance of the above new Railway line though it started as a State project?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Rail connectivity to Vizhinjam International Seaport is under execution to provide seamless integration of the Port with the Indian Railways network and to strengthen multimodal logistics capabilities of Indian Railways. The 10.7 km rail link will connect Vizhinjam International Seaport with Balaramapuram (BRAM) Station on the Thiruvananthapuram-Nagercoil section of Southern Railway network. This important port-connectivity project is also included in PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan through the BISAG portal.

The project is being developed under the Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) policy of Ministry of Railways with an agreement signed between Southern Railways and Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited (VISL), a Special Purpose Vehicle of the Government of Kerala.

Under the provisions of this agreement, VISL undertakes construction and maintenance of the line under Indian Railways' supervision, while Indian Railways is responsible for train operations and control of movements.
