

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2214
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH JULY, 2019

ROAD/RAIL CONNECTIVITY AT PORTS

2214. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) the status of the implementation of coastal security initiatives at Indian ports in view of the threat of global terrorist activities;
- (b) the details of the ports where security cover has been provided by the Union Government and the State Governments separately;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the lack of road and rail connectivity at non-major ports of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) The coastal security plan at all the major ports is in place. The ports are also under the cover of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and Indian Coast Guard (ICG). International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), requires assessment of Port Facility Security (PFSA) and the development of the Port Facility Security Plan (PFSP). Implementation of ISPS code ensures that the security of ships and port facilities is as per the requirement of the international instrument. Accordingly, all Major ports and Non-major ports handling EXIM cargo and having interface with ships with international voyages comply with requirements of the ISPS code and audits of the same are carried out at regular intervals. Regular mock-drills and exercises are also conducted to ensure that the ports are in a state of readiness to handle any security threat.

(b) The Union Government provides security cover to all the twelve major ports. All non-major ports are, however, under the administrative control of respective State Governments. The details in respect of non-major ports are not maintained in the Ministry of Shipping.

(c) to (e) The Road and Rail connectivity at Non-major ports of the country does not come under the purview of Ministry of Shipping. Such information is not maintained/compiled in the Ministry of Shipping.
