

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3650
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021**

COASTAL FREIGHT RAILWAY ROUTE

†3650. SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to reduce the distance, time and expenditure incurred on coastal freight railway routes;**
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed action plan related to coastal freight railway route from Mumbai to Kolkata;**
- (c) whether the said railway route has international links from Paradeep, Gopalpur, etc. and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether any decision has been taken by the Government regarding estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons for not taking any action so far in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a) & (b) No, Sir. The coastal rail route from Mumbai to Kolkata is already connected on rail network via Mangalore, Kanniyakumari, Chennai, Vizag and Paradeep.**
- (c) & (d) Paradeep and Gopalpur ports are connected to existing Howrah-Chennai route.**
- (e) Does not arise.**
