

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2035
ANSWERED ON – 02/08/2024

BEYPORE PORT

2035. SHRI M K RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:
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- (a) whether any steps are being taken to improve infrastructure at Beypore port in Kerala, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has laid out any plans for modernisation of Beypore port, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has observed that there is a lack of adequate shipping services between Beypore and Lakshadweep, if so, the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the connectivity; and
- (d) the steps and measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to attract more shipping service providers to Beypore?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a)& (b) Ports other than Major Ports (Non-Major Ports) are under the administrative control of the respective State Governments. Beypore is a Non- Major Port in the State of Kerala. Government of Kerala has undertaken initiatives to carry out environmental impact assessment study for capital dredging project at Beypore port. Govt. of Kerala has taken steps to develop Beypore Port for handling of more passengers and cargo. The steps include Capital Dredging for berthing bigger vessels, increasing the length of existing wharf, acquisition of land for constructing go down & cargo handling facility. For road connectivity to Beypore Port, M/s IPRCL has conducted a study and submitted TEFR to Government of Kerala through Kerala Maritime Board, which has been approved by Government of Kerala.

(c) & (d) Discussion are held at various level by Government of Kerala to divert more cargo through Beypore port. UT of Lakshadweep has expressed that draft available in Beypore port is insufficient for the operation of all weather passenger ships of the UTL Administration. To improve connectivity, Government of Kerala is working on capital dredging project at the port. Further, Government of Kerala has informed that on fully commissioning of Vizhinjam mother port, more container feeder ships are expected to call at Beypore port.
