

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3020
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2016**

CONNECTIVITY WITH PORTS

+3020. SHRI ARJUN MEGHWAL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any policy to connect train services with ports so as to promote import and export; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the ports proposed to be provided rail connectivity, State-wise?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) and (b) : Rail Port connectivity is an important and integral part of Railways' planning process. Presently, all the twelve major ports and a number of non-major ports are connected by rail.

Participative policy for rail connectivity and capacity augmentation, inter alia, provides for various models such as non-Government Railways, Joint Venture and customer funding etc. for development of rail connectivities to Ports. Under the said policy, connectivities to Dhamra and Tuna Ports have been provided and that to Dighi and Rewas (Maharashtra) sanctioned. In-Principle Approvals have also been granted for Ports of Astranga (Odisha), Chhara, Nargol and Hazira (Gujarat).
