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## RS passes ports Bill despite opposition

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The Rajya Sabha on Wednesday passed the Major Ports Authority Bill, 2020 with 84 votes in favour and 44 against.

In a long reply, Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the Bill aimed to make

the ports world class and give the port authorities power to make their own decisions. He denied the Opposition's charge that it would lead to privatisation.

"Would a patriot oppose this Bill? This Bill is not for privatisation of ports," the Minister said.