

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3974  
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000  
SHIPPING POLICY HARBOURS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the component of shipping policy with outlines of each important point;
- (b) the details of total harbours in the country, with physical and financial dimension of each; and
- (c) the share of funds among the public and private sectors in each harbour?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The National Shipping Policy Committee constituted by the Government submitted its report in July, 1997. The Committee made 31 recommendations in all. An Empowered committee constituted by the Government examined these recommendations and recommended acceptance of 26 recommendations. Of these, action has already been taken on 15 recommendations. The remaining recommendations mainly pertain to fiscal and financial incentives to shipping industry. These have been examined and presently the following proposals are being pursued:

- (i) Enhancement of depreciation rates of ships from 20% to 40%.
- (ii) Tax relief to Indian Seafarers.
- (iii) Infrastructure status to Coastal Shipping.
- (iv) Introduction of Tonnage Tax in lieu of Corporate Tax.

(b) & (c) The Central Government is responsible for the harbours under the control of the Major Port in the country. The physical dimensions of these harbours and the operating surpluses generated by the Trusts during 1996-97 - 1998-99 (3 years) are given in the Annexure. All the Port Trusts are autonomous bodies created under the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 and harbours have been developed entirely from the public funds.

**ANNEXURE**

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 3974 FOR ANSWER ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2000 BY SHRI SAHIB SINGH REGARDING SHIPPING POLICY/HARBOURS.

PORT Physical Latitude Dimensions Longitude Operating Surplus

(Rs. in crores)

1996-97 97-98 1998-99

Kandla	23 01`N	70 13`E	80.77	100.95	146.02
Mumbai	18 54`N	72 49`E	218.15	211.15	172.91
J.L.Nehru	18 56.43`N+	72 56.24`E+	106.25	150.33	196.22
Mormugao	15 25`N	73 48`E	21.83	27.16	20.47
New Mangalore	12 55`N	74 48`E	60.40	83.02	72.41
Cochin	9 58`N	76 14`E	43.17	44.19	33.41
Tuticorin	8 45`N	78 13`E		27.60	38.08 40.79
Chennai	13 06`N	80 18`E	109.15	101.87	94.78
Visakhapatnam	17 41`N	83 18`E	104.55	95.81	92.50
Paradip	20 16`N	86 40`E	63.60	73.41	59.36
Calcutta	22 32`53`N	88 18`05`E			
Haldia	22 2`N	80 6`E	213.99	275.55	242.61

+ At South Cornor of Bulk Berth.