

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:38
ANSWERED ON:22.02.2001
UPGRADATION OF MAJOR PORTS
SRINIVASULU KALAVA

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have chalked out a detailed plan to decongest the major Indian ports and to make them more functional;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal for the technological upgradation of some of these ports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS & SHIPPING(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

A STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.38 22.2.2001 ASKED BY SHRI KALAVA SRINIVASULU REGARDING UPGRADATION OF MAJOR PORTS.

(a)&(b): As a result of severe capacity constraints on account of non-availability of adequate berths, accumulation of uncleared cargo in the back up area and bunch arrival of vessels, most of the Major Ports were congested until the beginning of 9th Five Year Plan. Various steps were taken by the Government to create additional capacity and simplify procedures relating to disposal of uncleared/unclaimed cargo, which have now yielded results and at present there is generally no congestion in the Indian Major Ports.

(c)&(d): The development and modernization of Major Ports is an ongoing continuous process. The development programmes being undertaken at present lay emphasis on enhancing standards of Major Ports and their productivity through construction and equipping new berths; acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment to match the emerging cargo mix, establishment of Electronic Data Interchange; setting up of vessel Traffic Management System; labour training and welfare; etc.