

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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DECREASING OF TRAFFIC HANDLING CAPACITY OF PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of berths in Indian Ports especially the Mumbai Port whose occupancy is above 80%;
- (b) whether the existing traffic capacity of the ports is diverted to the private sector with a view to increase the traffic capacity of the private sector ports;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the profit on account of traffic handling capacity of the ports is declining continuously; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make this sector profitable/viable?

Answer

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

- (a): As on 31.3.2000, there were 209 berths at the major ports. Berth No.G and berth No.P/Q in Princess dock in Mumbai Port had occupancy level of more than 80% during 1999-2000.
- (b)&(c): Yes, sir. The objectives of private Sector participation in major ports inter-alia are mobilization of additional funds for capacity creation, improvement in efficiency, productivity and quality of services.
- (d)&(e): Yes, sir. The net profits of all the major ports have declined. During 1999-2000 and 2000-01, because of steep rise in expenditure. Various measures have been taken to control the non-productive expenditure and reduce work force various major ports.