

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SURFACE TRANSPORT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3519  
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CARGO TRAFFIC AT CALCUTTA AND HALDIA PORT  
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**Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of cargo traffic handled by Calcutta Port and Haldia Port during the last two years;
- (b) whether cargo handling capacity in the ports was utilised fully during the above period;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether these ports are expected to handle more cargo traffic during the current year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

( DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN )

(a): The details of cargo traffic handled by Calcutta and Haldia Ports during the last two years are as under:-

Calcutta Dock System

(In million tonnes)

1998-99    1999-2000

POL (Crude)	3.08	3.67
POL Products Vegetable oil & other liquid	2.63	2.61
Other cargo (including containerised cargo)	3.45	4.03
	9.16	10.31

Container (in TEUs)    1,32,291    1,47,296

Haldia Dock Complex

(In million tonnes)

1998-99    1999-2000

POL (Crude)	5.30	6.74
POL Product	5.20	4.10
Thermal Coal	4.02	3.22
Coking Coal	3.05	3.28

Fertilizer	0.11	0.12
Fert. Raw Material	0.29	0.35
Container	0.43	0.43
Other	1.82	2.46
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	20.22	20.70

(b)&(c): No, Sir. The cargo handling capacity in the Ports of Calcutta and Haldia was not fully utilised during the last two years due to non-materilisation of traffic. At Haldia Dock Complex, M/s. SAIL has not fully utilised the leased berth capacity (Berth no.5).

(d)&(e):During the current year, traffic level is expected to remain almost the same for Calcutta Dock System. Import of certain commodities like Sugar, Vegetable oil etc. is expected to go down while exports of certain items like steel, engineering goods may go up. So far as Haldia Dock Complex is concerned, this port is expected to handle more cargo traffic during the current financial year. The projected traffic for the year 2000-2001 at CDS & HDC are at the tune of 10.01 million tonnes and 22.70 million tonnes respectively.