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DECREASE IN SHIPMENT AT MUMBAI PORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether considerable decrease has been recorded in the arrival of shipment at Mumbai port;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the arrival of shipment at Mumbai port during the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government propose to allow private handling of cargo at Mumbai port;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps mooted to increase the working efficiency of Mumbai port ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b):Yes, Sir. The decrease in shipment is due to:

- (i) reduction in import of POL products;
- (ii) diversion of containers to Jawaharlal Nehru Port;
- (iii) physical constraints in Mumbai port to handle large ships, such as limitation of draft, enclosed dock system with lock gate;
- (iv) old and outdated port equipment;
- (v) low productivity and consequently high cost of handling; and
- (vi) octrol levied by the Municipal Corporation. The arrival of shipment at the Port during the last three years, year-wise is as under: -

(In million tonnes)

1997-98	32.10
1998-99	30.97
1999-2000	30.41

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Private Sector participation in Major Port have been thrown open in the following areas:

- (i) Leasing out existing assets of the port.
- (ii) Construction/creation of additional assets, such as:
 - (a) Construction and operation of container terminals.
 - (b) Construction and operation of bulk, break bulk, multipurpose and specialized cargo berths.

(c) Warehousing, container Freight Stations, storage facilities and tank farms.

(d) Cranage/Handling Equipment.

(e) Setting up of captive power plants.

(f) Dry docking and ship repair facilities.

(iii) Leasing of equipment for port handling and leasing of floating crafts from the private sector.

(iv) Pilotage.

(v) Captive facilities for port based industries.

(e): The steps mooted are:

(i) Modernisation of equipment consistent with emerging cargo mix.

(ii) Changes in operating systems and extension of better facilities to trade;

(iii) Computerisation;

(iv) Reduction in number of labour and employees.