

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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RATE OF WAITING FOR BERTHING  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the rate of waiting for berthing in various ports in India, port-wise;
- (b) the rate in Chennai and Tuticorin ports in Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) steps taken to improve the system and to reduce the waiting time?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) & (b): Average pre-berthing waiting time at various ports during 1998-99, 1999-2000, and 2000-01 are as under:

	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01 ( in days)
Calcutta (CDS)	1.0	1.0	0.7
Haldia	1.3	1.6	0.9
Paradip	1.2	1.1	1.5
Vishakapatnam	1.6	1.4	0.8
Chennai	3.4	2.8	2.3
Tuticorin	1.6	3.0	1.2
Cochin	0.9	0.9	0.7
New Mangalore	0.9	1.1	0.8
Murmagao	1.4	1.1	1.3
Jawaharlal Nehru	1.4	0.6	0.4
Mumbai	2.1	1.4	1.0
Kandla	4.5	3.0	1.6

(c) Aimed at further reducing the waiting time, development programmes being undertaken in various major ports lay emphasis at enhancing handling capacity through productivity improvements, construction and equipping new berths as also acquisition of state-of-art equipments to match the emerging cargo mix.