

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to modernise Ports and to provide additional facilities to reduce the transaction costs; and
- (b) if so, the details of the Ports identified for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Modernisation of major ports in the country is an ongoing process involving a slew of measures which includes upgradation/conversion of existing conventional berths to suit emerging requirements; construction of new berths; upgradation of cargo handling equipment and maintenance procedures; redesigning and upgradation of internal road network and circulation systems where required; upgradation of storage facilities and other port infrastructure coupled with modern management practices. These measures are expected to contribute towards cost effective services and enhancement of service quality in the major ports.