

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:404  
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CONGESTION AT PORTS  
ANANTA NAYAK;MOHAN RAWALE

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether as a result of congestion at Indian Ports, waiting period for cargo loading and unloading has increased and consequently demurrage to be paid has also gone up during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the average number of days for loading and unloading of cargo on major ports of the country; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the situation ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a): No, Sir. The average pre-berthing detention and average turn around time to ships on port account for all the ports in the last three years is as follows:-

Year	Pre-berthing detention to	Average Turn around
Ships on Port Account	Time	
1999-2000	0.9 days	5.10 days
2000-2001	0.5 days	4.10 days
2001-2002	0.5 days	3.70 days

(b) & (c): Do not arise.