

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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GROWTH OF PORT INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are a number of new players who are developing small but efficient Ports which are eating into the business of over 12 big Government owned Ports;
- (b) if so, whether inspite of the readiness of the Government to invest in big ports to improve their efficiency, competition is stiff leading to a haphazard development of Port Infrastructure; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to resolve this problem and ensure a coordinated growth of Port Infrastructure?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

- (a): It is a fact that a number of new ports other than major ports have been developed during the last few years and their share of the total traffic handled in India has gone up. However, the traffic in major ports, which fall within the ambit of the Central Government, is also steadily increasing.
- (b): It is true that there is increased competition in the port sector. This is a healthy development and has not led to haphazard development.
- (c) : Does not arise.