

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION OF WAITING TIME FOR VESSELS AT PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to reduce the waiting period of vessels at major ports;
- (b) if so, the port-wise position at present;
- (c) the steps taken by various ports to reduce the waiting period; and
- (d) the port-wise details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): Improvement in the working of major ports to reduce waiting period of vessels is a continuous process. The port-wise average pre-berthing detention to ships during the last three years, is as follows: -

Port Average pre-berthing detention (On Port Account) (In Hours)

2001-02 2002-03 2003-04 (Provisional)

Kolkata	2.62	2.46	2.48
Paradip	11.04	10.32	5.14
Visakhapatnam	5.76	3.12	1.18
Ennore	9.98	1.56	1.66
Chennai	26.00	4.30	0.91
Tuticorin	10.56	7.20	1.60
Cochin	4.20	1.67	4.02
New Mangalore	5.99	4.41	3.07
Mormugao	32.16	19.92	26.71
Mumbai	7.68	3.60	3.64
Jawaharlal Nehru	10.08	11.76	8.24
Kandla	21.36	16.80	11.06

Total 11.53 6.90 4.86

(c) & (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1983

(c) & (d): Major Port Trusts have been taking various steps to reduce the waiting period of the vessels. The steps which have been taken by most of the ports include construction and equipping of new berths/terminals, replacement of existing equipment with the state-of-art equipment on existing berth, labour training and improvement in management practices for achieving higher efficiency/output, private sector involvement in the development and operation of port facilities to bring out additional investment and modern techniques for greater efficiency, computerisation of port working and induction of Electronic Data Interchange, setting up of Vessel Traffic Management System etc. In addition, specific steps initiated by some of the major port/ port trusts are as follows:-

Ennore : Constant interaction with Tamil Nadu Electricity Board to schedule arrival of the vessels in such a way so as to reduce the waiting time.

Mormugao: Modifications have been carried out to the Receiving and Shipping system of Conveyor of Mechanised Ore Handling Plant to enhance the iron ore handling capacity; out of 8 Barge Unloaders, 4 Barge Unloaders of 500 TPH have been replaced with a capacity of 750 TPH and same are put into operation in two phases; in order to receive cape size vessels at Berth No. 9 (MOHP), the work of capital dredging has been completed and the draft has been increased to 14m; two berths 5A & 6A with an annual capacity of 5.00 million tonnes are constructed on Build Own Operate Transfer basis to handle mainly coke and coal and put into operation from 19.6.2004.

Kolkata : The Port has constructed a virtual jetty at Sagar Anchorage. In addition, construction, development and maintenance of a berth on Build Operate Transfer basis has also been licensed to a strategic operator.

Paradip : Round the clock pilotage service has been started since October, 2002.

Visakhapatnam: Induction of higher capacity cranes; de-bottlenecking of ore handling plant; and well defined maintenance management procedures are being followed.

Cochin : Speedy documentation is ensured for entry/clearing of vessels. The programmable logic control system and drive controls of existing rail mounted gantry cranes have been upgraded to improve productivity. Unloading arms with higher capacity has been installed at South Tanker berth.

Kandla : Priority is given to vessels which promise higher productivity. Port also accords priority to vessels which guarantee to vacate the berth within 24 hours.

New Mangalore: 3 shift operation has been introduced for handling bulk, break bulk and containerised cargoes.

Jawaharlal Nehru: Order has been placed for supply of 12 Rubber Tyred Gantry Cranes and the first lot of 4 Cranes was put into operation in June, 2004