

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:11  
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2004  
PERFORMANCE OF PORTS  
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of the major ports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, port-wise during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05, till date; and
- (c) the steps being taken to improve the efficiency of the ports?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BALLU)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 11 FOR 1.12.2004 ASKED BY SHRI JASHUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF PORTS.

(a) & (b): The review of the performance of major ports in the country is a continuous process. The port-wise cargo traffic handled during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 (April to October, 2004) is given below:-

(In Million tonnes)

| Name of the Port | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 (April-October) |
|------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| Kolkata          | 35.80   | 41.05   | 23.78                   |
| Paradip          | 23.90   | 25.31   | 16.92                   |
| Visakhapatnam    |         | 46.01   | 47.74                   |
| Ennore           | 8.49    | 9.28    | 5.49                    |
| Chennai          |         | 33.69   | 36.71                   |
| Tuticorin        | 13.29   | 13.68   | 9.19                    |
| Cochin           | 13.00   | 13.57   | 8.26                    |
| New Mangalore    |         | 21.43   | 26.67                   |
| Mormugao         | 23.65   | 27.88   | 13.12                   |
| Jawaharlal Nehru |         | 26.84   | 31.18                   |
| Mumbai           | 26.80   | 29.96   | 19.91                   |
| Kandla           | 40.63   | 41.52   | 23.75                   |
| Total:           | 313.53  | 344.55  | 209.59                  |

(c): Improvement in efficiency in Major Ports is an ongoing process. To increase efficiency of major ports, the following major steps have been taken from time to time in relation to major ports :-

- (i) Construction and equipping of new berths/terminals;
- (ii) Replacement of existing equipment with the state-of-art equipment on existing berths;
- (iii) Labour training and improvement in management practices for achieving higher efficiency output;

- (iv) Private sector involvement in the development and operation of port facilities to bring out additional investment and modern techniques for greater efficiency;
- (v) Computerisation of port working and partial induction of Electronic Data Interchange; and
- (vi) Setting up of Vessel Traffic Management System.