

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

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TRAFFIC IN MAJOR PORTS

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

- (a) whether the traffic in the major ports of the Country have slowed down during the year 2006-07;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the traffic handled by these ports as against the targets fixed during the year; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to achieve the projected target?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. In fact traffic in 12 Major Ports has registered a growth of 9.51%, during the year 2006-07 as compared to the traffic handled in the year 2005-06.

(c): The port wise cargo traffic handled as against the target fixed during the year is given below:-

In '000 Tones
Name of the Port Target for Actual Traffic handled
year 2006-07 during the year 2006-07

Kolkata	51.800	55.050
(Kolkata Dock System /Haldia Dock complex)		
Paradip	40.800	38.517
Visakhapatnam	61.590	56.386
Ennore	9.860	10.714
Chennai	52.200	53.414
Tuticorin	18.200	18.001
Cochin	15.690	15.314
New Mangalore	37.250	32.042
Mormugao	35.300	34.241
Jawaharlal Nehru	43.220	44.818
Mumbai	49.000	52.364
Kandla	50.790	52.982

All Ports 465.700 463.843

(d): Improvement of the working of Major Ports in terms of handling of traffic in the country is an ongoing process. Several steps have been taken under National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) like (i) development/construction of berth (ii) deepening of channels (iii) equipments upgradation and (iv) improvement in rail and road connectivity etc. with a view to enabling the ports to achieve the projected targets.