

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:135
ANSWERED ON:25.02.2009
PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF MAJOR 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 capacity of the major ports in the country in the light of their traffic handling capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the findings thereof,port-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for development/expansion of the major ports in view of the increased volume of traffic being handled by these ports;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 135 RAISED BY SHRI JASUBHAI DHANABHAI BARAD TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH FEBRUARY,2009 REGARDING "PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF MAJOR PORTS".

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A Statement showing the Port-wise handling capacity as well as Traffic Handled during the year 2007-08 is at Annexure.

(c) & (d): Government has already launched the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) involving a total investment of Rs. 1,00,339 crores.In the Port sector,the total anticipated investment is Rs. 55,804 crores for 276 projects covering the entire gamut of activities namely, construction/up-gradation of berths, deepening of channels, rail/road connectivity projects, equipment up-gradation/modernization schemes and other related schemes. To address the huge requirement of investment required for development of berths, etc. in the Ports,private sector investment is required. To attract and encourage private sector investment in the Port sector, the Government of India has finalised model Request for Qualification (RFQ), Request for Proposal (RFP) and Model Concession Agreement (MCA) to ensure uniformity and transparency in the bid process.

New guidelines for upfront fixation of tariff have also been issued for berths and terminals to be bid out to private operators so that prospective bidders are aware of the projected revenue follows from the concerned project.

ANNEXURE

Statement showing the handling capacity as well as Traffic Handled during the year 2007-08.

(In Million tonnes)

Name of Port Handling Capacity Traffic Handled

Kolkata 14.56 13.74

Haldia 46.70 43.58

Paradip 56.00 42.43

Visakhapatnam 61.15 64.59

Chennai 53.35 57.15

Ennore 13.00 11.56

Tuticorin 20.75 21.48

Cochin 28.37 15.81

New Mangalore 43.50 36.01

Mormugao 33.05 35.12

Mumbai 44.70 57.03

Jawaharlal Nehru 54.34 55.83

Kandla 62.60 64.92

Grand Total 532.07 519.31