

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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CAPACITY UTILISATION OF PORTS

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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the capacity of Indian ports is not being utilized properly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the berthing timing of ships at the Indian Coast is quite high, resulting in delayed loading/unloading of goods;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the corrective action taken in the matter;
- (f) the details of works carried out for the development of the ports; and
- (g) the progress made by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Madam, the capacity of Indian ports is being utilized properly.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Average turnaround time of Indian Ports is 3.87 days for the period 2008-09. Average pre-berthing time for the Indian ports is 39.09 hours for the same period.

(e): Marine Infrastructure like procurement of high power tugs, Pilot launches, Marine launches etc. is being upgraded. The pre-berthing time is due to ships waiting for their scheduled window berthing facility, non-readiness of custom documents etc. The ports are continuously liaising with the vessel and cargo agents towards reducing the pre-berthing delay on account of these factors.

(f) & (g): All the major ports have taken up various berth construction procurement of equipment, port connectivity and channel deepening projects under NMDP. There are 276 projects at a cost of 55803.73 crores to be taken up under National Maritime Development Projects. Out of these 50 projects at a cost of Rs. 5717.28 crores have been completed. Work is in progress for 74 programmes. The estimated cost of these 74 projects is Rs. 16502.68 crores.