

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF DEEP SEA PORT  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether as per present trends, there would be an upbeat in traffic-handling in the ports;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up deep sea ports in the country including the eastern coast; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action plan chalked out by the Government for the purpose, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): During 2009-10 Major and Non-Major Ports in India accomplished a total cargo throughput of 844.9 million tones reflecting an increase of 13.6% over 2008-09 compared to a marginal increase of 2.5% in 2008-09. The growth in cargo handled at Major and Non-Major ports in 2009-10 was 5.7% and 33.2% respectively compared to 2.2% and 3.3% achieved in 2008-09. The robust overall growth in India's seaborne cargo traffic in 2009-10 reflects fairly strong recovery in India's growth during the course of 2009-10.

(b): No, Madam.

(c): Does not arise.