

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:163

ANSWERED ON:22.11.2010

VESSEL TRAFFIC MONITORING SYSTEMS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work on project of establishment of Vessel Traffic Monitoring Systems at various ports in the country including the Gulf of Kutch, Gujarat has been completed and operationalised;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the cost of escalation of the projects as a result thereof;
- (c) the proposed date of completion of the said projects; and
- (d) the total expenditure incurred on the said projects so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 163 FOR 22.11.2010 REGARDING "VESSEL TRAFFIC MONITORING SYSTEMS" BY SHRIMATI DARSHANA JARDOSH AND SHRI AHIR VIKRAMBHAI ARJANBHAI MAADAM.

(a) to (d): The position regarding establishment of Vessel Traffic Monitoring Systems (VTMS) in the major ports of the country including in the Gulf of Kutch (GoK) together with the expenditure incurred so far is given below:

Sl.No. Name of Port Present status Expenditure incurred

1. Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Trust Common VTMS installed. It was installed in 1997 and Mumbai Port Trust at a cost of Rs. 24 crore (this is being replaced at a cost of Rs. 15.89 cr. in 2011)
2. Kolkatta Port Trust Installed. Installed in 2005 at a cost (Sagar Island) of Rs. 6.2 cr.
3. Cochin Port Trust Installed. Installed in 2008 at a cost of Rs. 8.2 cr.
4. New Mangalore Port Trust Installed. Installed in 2002 at a cost of Rs. 6.88 cr.
5. Mormugao Port Trust Installed. Installed in 2001 at a cost of Rs. 4.6 cr.
6. Kandla Port Trust VTMS is installed This is part of the VTMS for the Kutch region. project in the Gulf of Kutch being implemented at a sanctioned cost of Rs. 165 crore.

7. Chennai Port Trust Civil work for The estimated cost for the installation of VTMS project is Rs. 9.8 cr. is going on.
8. Vishakhapatnam Port Trust Traffic is managed The length of the channel at by Global Positioning Vishakhapatnam is quite short System Radar and and a VTMS is not considered Automatic Identif- necessary. ication System.
9. Tuticorin Port Trust Presently traffic is Not applicable. being managed by Global Positioning System Radar and Automatic Identif- ication System.
10. Paradip Port Trust Presently traffic Expenditure is yet to is being managed by be incurred. Global Positioning System Radar and Automatic Identif- ication System.
11. Ennore Port Trust Presently traffic Expenditure is yet to is being managed by be incurred. Global Positioning System Radar and Automatic Identif- ication System.
12. Port Blair Port Trust Automatic Identif- Not applicable. ication System is in use. Establishment of VTMS is not recommended due to less traffic.
13. Gulf of Kutch Work is likely to be An expenditure of Rs. 107.38 completed by 31.1.2011. crore has been incurred As some of the sites so far. are located in remote/isolated areas the progress of civil engineering work has been slow. However, presently there will be no escalation of cost.

So far as Non-Major Ports are concerned, they come under the purview of the respective State Governments.