

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any long-term perspective plan has been drawn up for the development of each major port in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps undertaken to improve the productivity and efficiency of various major ports in the country; and
- (d) the organizational changes, if any, being implemented to attract private investment in this sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): Major Ports of India have formulated perspective/business plans to facilitate transformation of these ports into world class facilities suited to the requirements of the future economy of India. These perspective/ business plan of the Ports contains long term vision for the Port and goals to be achieved with the detailed strategy and plan of action. The perspective plans of Major Ports consist of long term plan for 20 years and short term plans for 7 years for the respective Major Ports.

(c): Various steps have been undertaken to improve the productivity and efficiency of Major Ports, namely, construction of new berths and terminals to remove congestion, replacement of old cargo handling equipments, mechanization of berths and terminals, deepening of channels, widening of roads and providing adequate rail-road connectivity for faster evacuation of traffic, implementation of Electronic Data Interchange and Port Community System (EDIPCS) for online handling of Shipping documents, etc.

(d): No specific organizational changes are being implemented to attract private investment in the Ports.