

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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PRIVATISATION OF PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal regarding privatization of ports is under consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also undertaken any study to assess the impact of privatisation of ports on Indian trade; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): No proposal for privatization of major port is under consideration of the Government. However, the developmental projects for construction of berths and terminals, mechanization of cargo handling at the berths etc. are awarded to private sector under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode.

(c) & (d): No such specific study has been undertaken by the Ministry of Shipping to assess the impact of privatization of Ports on Indian trade.