

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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TRAFFIC IN PORTS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the traffic in the major ports is increasing over a period of time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has prepared any strategy in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to increase the capacity of major ports;
- (e) whether some ports also suffer from labour and equipment shortages; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) to (d): The traffic handled by Major Ports in the last three years is as follows:-

Million tonnes		
2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
519.15	530.54	560.98

Infrastructure facilities i.e. deepening of channels/construction/ reconstruction of berths, the improvement of rail/road connectivity and other logistic improvements are being carried out for increasing the capacity and faster turnaround of vessels and cargo.

(e) & (f): No, Madam. There is no shortage in labour and Equipment at any Port. Port are engaging outsourced personnel and equipments wherever necessary.