

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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CONGESTION PROBLEM IN PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any major ports in the country are facing congestion problem; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, port-wise alongwith the steps taken by the Government to reduce the congestion in those ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Yes, madam. Sometimes when bunching of vessels takes place, congestion is experienced for berthing of vessels.

(b): Port-wise details of vessels waiting for want of berths is as under:

Name of the Port Number of vessels waiting for want of berth
(as on 29.11.2010)

Kolkata Port Trust	3
Haldia Dock Complex	2
Chennai Port Trust	5
Cochin Port Trust	1
Mormugao Port Trust	1
Mumbai Port Trust	2
Kandla Port Trust	22

Government has taken a number of steps towards enhancing the cargo handling capacity of the major ports to remove congestion. Infrastructure facilities viz., deepening of channels, construction/reconstruction of berths, improvement of rail/road connectivity and other logistic improvements are being carried out for faster turnaround of vessels and cargo.