

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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EFFICIENCY OF OPERATIONS IN PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the port capacity of a country at any given time should be 30 percent higher than the expected traffic to ensure efficiency of operations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (c) whether India is lagging behind in this area;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reason therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to correct the situation in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): It is ideal to have Port capacity to be higher than expected traffic. The Capacity of Major Ports vis-a-vis traffic handled during the first 3 years of 11th Five Year Plan is as under:

Year	Traffic Handled at Million Tonnes	Cargo Handling Million Tonnes	Major Port in	Capacity in
2007-08	519.31	532.07		
2008-09	530.53	574.77		
2009-10	561.09	616.73		
2010-11	463.24			
(upto Jan' 2011)				
2011-12				

- (c): As is evident from above statistics, Port Capacity of Major Ports is already more than the Traffic being handled by them.
- (d) & (e): Does not arise.