

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASED CARGO AT MAJOR PORTS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the volume of cargo at the major ports in the country was expected to rise to 650 million tonnes by March, 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the incentives being given to the shipping industry in the remaining Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the feedback received from foreign countries in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING(SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): The Traffic handled at Major Ports during 2009-10 was 561.09 million tonnes and is projected at 615.70 million tonnes during 2011-12 as per National Maritime Development Programme. The Port-wise and Commodity wise projected traffic by the end of 2011-12 is at Annexure.

(c): Government has introduced tonnage tax regime for shipping sector in 2004 by which taxation for Indian shipping companies has been brought in line with international fiscal regime. Further, Indian shipping industry has been provided cargo support through right-of-first refusal & policy of FOB imports for Government owned/controlled cargoes. Chartering of vessels for movement of cargo on private account is regulated through the Director General of Shipping taking into consideration the availability of Indian flag vessels. These incentives will continue in the remaining part of the 11th Five Year Plan.

(d): No such mechanism is in place in the Ministry to get the feedback of foreign countries on its schemes/projects.