

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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CARGO STANDARDS OF MAJOR PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian port cargo handling capacity, connectivity and processes still lag behind the global standards;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of Indian ports in this regard; and
- (d) the details about connectivity existing between major ports at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING(SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of Indian ports are (i) Capacity expansion by Dredging (ii) Construction of Berths (iii) Mechanization of ports (iv) Improving connectivity.

(d): There is no direct connectivity between the major ports. However, all the ports are connected to the nearby National Highways and Rail head.