

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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TRAFFIC GROWTH AT PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether traffic at ports is continuously growing in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the average waiting time for the vessels on arrival; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the capacity of the ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The details of the Cargo handled by Indian Ports namely Major and non-Major Ports for last three years is given as under:-

Ports	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09
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Major Ports	569.91	561.09	530.53
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Non-Major Ports	314.64	289.32	213.22
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Total - Indian Ports	884.55	850.41	743.75
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The average waiting time for vessels on arrival at major ports during the year 2010-11 has been 9.55 Hours. Non-major ports do not maintain such details.

(c): The augmentation of capacity of ports is a continuous process. Ministry of Shipping has been implementations projects such as constructions of new berths/terminals, deepening of channels/berths, mechanization of cargo handling etc., at major ports to increase their capacity.