

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:448

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HANDLING OF GOODS AT PORTS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the growth rate of handling of goods at certain ports in the country is very low over a period of time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the growth rate of volume of goods at the ports;and
- (d) the success achieved in this regard during the last three years, year-wise and port-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MUKUL ROY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 448 BY SHRI MANSUKH BHAI D. VASAVA AND SHRI VITTHALBHAI HANSRAJBHAI RADADIYA TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2011 REGARDING "HANDLING OF GOODS AT PORTS"

(a): No, Madam. The growth rate of handling the goods at Major Ports has not been low over a period of time. Only in 2010-11, some ports like New Mangalore and Kolkata Port Trusts have had low or negative growth.

(b): This has been due to global slowdown, recession and substantial reduction in demand of Iron Ore.

(c): In order to augment the capacity/and to enhance productivity and growth rate at major ports, several initiatives have been taken in recent past. The Government of India has given the top priority to the Modernisation of ports, through:

Construction of new berths/terminals

Various expansion/upgradation projects for berths and dredging

Installation of new and modern equipment

Upgradation/replacement through higher capacity of cargo handling equipment

Mechanisation of cargo handling operations

Various computer aided systems to encourage automation in port operation

Implementation of Web-based Port community system.

(d): During the last three years, three projects related to mechanization of cargo handling have been completed at Paradip Port Trust (PPT). Construction of Single Point Mooring (SPM) and a Captive Berth, too, have also been completed at PPT. One project related to development of second container terminal has been completed at Chennai Port Trust. Two projects related to mechanization of berths have been completed at Haldia dock complex of Kolkata Port Trust. At Ennore Port One Marine Liquid Terminal, One Iron Ore Terminal and One Coal Terminal have been completed during this period. First phase of International Container Terminal (ICTT) at Vallarpadam has been operationalized at Cochin Port.