

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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NON CERTIFICATION OF PORTS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mundra Adani West Port is not certified by National Standard Plumbing Code (NSPC) and International Ship and Port Security(ISPS);
- (b) if so, the reasons for permitting to berth the vessel without ISPS and NSPC certification;
- (c) whether Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) office has not been consulted by the DG of Shipping prior to handing over of the surveys and inspection works to Indian Register of Shipping (IRS);
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether some of the operating ports in the country have not valid process certified under ISPS;and
- (f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): The Mundra Adani West Port is an extension of the Mundra Port Created within modified port limits of existing port. The provisional National Safety in Port Committee (NSPC) clearance was given on 28.07.2011. The International Ship and Ports Security code (ISPS) certification for this extension is yet to be issued.
- (b): The berthing of the vessels is controlled by Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB). However, as long as a port makes reasonable progress to comply with the requirement of the Directorate with respect to ISPS and NSPC certification, the commercial operations of the port are not hindered.
- (c): No, Madam. Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) offices are not required to be consulted by Directorate General of Shipping.
- (d): Not applicable, in view of part (c) above.
- (e) & (f): ISPS compliance is required only for operating ports serving International Shipping. The ports serving the coastal and internal shipping are not required to comply with ISPS certification.