

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNCTIONING OF PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to clear around a dozen port projects for improving the functioning and capacity of ports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase security and check illegal activities including smuggling through the ports;and
- (d) the extent of success achieved through these measures?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Government has identified 23 projects for award to increase the capacity of major ports by 236.63 MTPA (Million Tons per annum) with an estimated investment of Rs. 16743.92 Crores under PPP mode.

(b): The details have been annexed.

(c): The steps taken to increase security and check illegal activities including smuggling through the major ports coming under Central Government are as follows:-

- (i) Development of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in all the major ports
- (ii) Access control
- (iii) Acquisition of two Speed Boats by each Major Port for regular patrolling
- (iv) Installation of closed circuit Television (CCTVs) in strategic locations.
- (v) Bomb detection & disposal squads
- (vi) Radio-frequency Identification (RFID) based Vessel Traffic System (VTS) and installation of Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) in all the major ports
- (vii) Induction of Dog Squad

(d): The steps taken by the major ports have tightened the overall security and instilled great amount of confidence among the port users. The security agencies have better equipment and capability to handle any terrorist or subversive situations.