

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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CARGO HANDLING FACILITIES
Sardinha Shri Francisco

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian ports are still lagging behind foreign ports in modern cargo handling facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken/proposed to be taken thereon;
- (c) whether Colombo port attract more vessels than Indian ports on Eastern coast;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): No, Madam. Colombo Port handles approximately around 5000 vessels whereas Indian ports on the east coast handle more than 11,400 vessels in a year.
- (d): Does not arise.
- (e): Does not arise.