

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6183
ANSWERED ON:14.05.2012
TRAFFIC IN PORTS
Semmalai Shri S.

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total traffic handled by major ports during the last three years;
- (b) the steps taken to increase the volume of traffic in the coming years; and
- (c) the action plan prepared to improve the connectivity of Chennai port from other major ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Traffic handled by Major Ports over the last three years.

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
All Major Ports	561.09	570.03	560.15

(b): The following steps are taken to increase the volume of traffic :

- (i) Deepening of Channels for Improvement in Drafts.
- (ii) Construction of jetties, berths, etc.
- (iii) Procurement, Replacement and upgradation of Port Equipment.
- (iv) Improvement of Rail/Road projects.
- (v) Other capacity addition projects including backup facilities.

(c): The following two on-going road connectivity projects are being implemented to improve the connectivity of Chennai Port Trust:-

- (i) Chennai Ennore Port Road Connectivity Project.
- (ii) Elevated Four Lane Link Road from Chennai Port to Maduravoyal.