

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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LACK OF FACILITIES FOR UNLOADING GOODS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some Indian ports such as Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata ports have lack facilities for unloading goods as per the international standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade these facilities on all the major ports in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (c): The following steps have been taken to upgrade the facilities for unloading of cargo at the Major Ports, including at Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata Ports:-

- (i) Mechanization of berths.
- (ii) Creation of additional berths.
- (iii) Improving Rail-Road connectivity; and
- (iv) Introduction of Electronic Data Processing System for cargo handling.