

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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TRAFFIC AT PORTS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the traffic at Indian ports grew by just two per cent during the last financial year (i.e. 2011-12);
- (b) if so, the comparative details thereof during the last four years; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the said traffic in the future?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): The comparative details during the last four years is as under:-

(in Million Metric Tonnes)

Ports	Cargo Handled in 2008-09	Cargo Handled in 2009-10	Cargo Handled in 2010-11	Cargo Handled in 2011-12
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All Ports	743.73	849.88	884.88	913.15
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(c): The following steps has been taken to augment the capacity and traffic in the ports:-

- (i) Deepening of Channels to improve the Draft in Port
- (ii) Construction of new jetties, berths, etc.
- (iii) Procurement, Replacement or Upgradation of Port Equipment
- (iv) Undertaking projects to improve port connectivity.