

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various measures initiated by the Government for the modernisation of ports during the last three years and the current year including the progress on such projects so far;
- (b) whether the Government has a proposal to corporatise these ports and convert them into companies for greater autonomy and improved efficiencies;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to build new ports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (c): The Government has undertaken the following measures to modernize the Ports through :

- (i) Construction of new berths/terminals
- (ii) Various expansion/upgradation projects for berths
- (iii) Installation of new and modern cargo handling equipment
- (iv) Computer aided systems to automate in port operations
- (v) Installation of Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) for smooth movement of vessels.
- (vi) Implementation of Web-based Port community system.

34 important capacity augmentation projects have been awarded in the last three years and the current year. No final decision has been taken regarding Corporatisation of Major Ports.

(d) Yes, Madam.

(e): Government has decided to build one Major Port each in the States of Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.