

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF PORTS SHIP BUILDING YARDS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up major ports, ship building yards or other shipping related projects in the coastal States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the status of all the major and minor ports that are proposed to be set up in the country indicating the road connectivity of all these ports with the National Highways in the country;
- (d) the action plan to improve the efficiency of all the ports in the country; and
- (e) the estimated growth of traffic both in the major and minor ports in the country in the next decade along with the action plan of the Government to handle such amount of traffic?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN)

(a)to(c): Yes, Madam. This Ministry has decided to take steps for setting up of a new Major Port each in Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal. As regards West Bengal, Kolkata Port Trust had appointed M/s. RITES Ltd as consultant to prepare feasibility report for a new port at Sagar Island. In case of the proposed major port in Andhra Pradesh, the feasibility study has not yet been commissioned.

(d): The Government has taken the following steps to improve efficiency at the Major Ports:

- i) Construction of new berths and terminals to enhance port capacity to minimise pre-berthing detention time and reduce turnaround time of vessels calling on the Ports.
- ii) Modernising berths with state of the art loading/unloading equipment to improve operational efficiency.
- iii) Deepening of channels and berths so that ports can accommodate larger vessels.
- iv) Improving rail/road connectivity of Ports for speedy evacuation of cargo.
- v) Implementation of Enterprise Resource Programme (ERP) for internal automation and EDI-PCS for paperless interaction with stakeholders.
- vi) Installation of VTMS for monitoring vessel traffic and navigation support.

(e) : The traffic projections for the decade, as per Maritime Agenda 2010-20, is Annexed. The action plan of the Government to handle the projected volume of traffic are:

- i) Deepening of Channels for Improvement in Drafts.
- ii) Construction of new jetties, berths, etc.
- iii) Procurement, Replacement and upgradation of Port Equipment.
- iv) Other capacity addition projects including backup facilities.
- v) Close monitoring of development projects in the Major Ports.

With regard to Minor Ports, as per Indian Ports Act, 1908 the responsibility for development of Non Major Ports/Minor Ports vests with the respective State Governments.