

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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DISPUTES OVER PORT PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of ports in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the total amount received by the Government in the form of profits from these ports during the last three years and the current year along with the heads under which the said profits are being received;
- (c) whether some State Government's port projects are in dispute;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, along with the reasons therefor, dispute- wise ; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI O.K. VASAN)

(a): As per the available information, the total number of Ports in the country at present, State-wise is given as under:

Name of the State	No. of Non-Major Ports	No. of Major Ports
Gujarat	41	1
Andhra Pradesh	12	1
Maharashtra	48	2
Karnataka	10	1
Tamil Nadu	15	3
Goa	5	1
Pondicherry	2	0
West Bengal	1	1
Kerala	17	1
Orissa	13	1
Lakshwadeep	10	0
Daman & Diu	2	0
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	23	0
Total	199	12

(b): The Major Ports are governed by the Major Ports Trust Act, 1963 and are not obligated under the statutory provisions to share the profits, with the Government. Net surpluses are retained by the ports for their development. However ports pay the applicable Taxes to the Government as per the relevant provisions. The Ennore Port Limited, being a corporate port, has paid dividend to the Government of India of Rs.6.49 crore, 7.41 crore and 12.90 crore for the years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 respectively.

(c): The Ports projects taken up by the State Governments (i.e. Non-Major Ports) are governed by the respective State Governments/State Maritime Boards and do not fall within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Shipping, Government of India.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.