

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT OF MAJOR PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the off-loading capacity of various major ports in the country does not match up to the trade and traffic being handled therein;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to carry out capacity enhancement of such major ports; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in this regard along with the present status of the said projects, port-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a)&(b):The handling (offloading) capacity of the Major Ports in the Country is sufficient to match with the trade demands. The capacity of all Major Ports as on 31.03.2013 was 744.91 Million Metric Tonnes(MMT) against the traffic of 545.79 MMT handled in 2012-13. The capacity utilization is around 72%. As per the internationally accepted norms the gap between the Traffic and the capacity should be around 30%.

(c)&(d):Yes, Madam. Government has chalked out various projects to be taken during 12th Five year Plan period for the development and capacity addition at major Ports. Government is regularly monitoring the projects of capacity enhancement like construction & modernisation of berths, installation of state of art equipment & mechanization of cargo handling system at ports including the dredging projects to accommodate large vessels at major ports. The present status of the capacity augmentation projects are enclosed in Annexure.