

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:159
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TONNAGE HANDLED AT PORTS
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total tonnage handled at various ports in the country including Kandla Port during the last three years and current year, port-wise;
- (b) whether the total shipping activity in the country particularly in Gujarat ports has increased, over the years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to locate a full-fledged office of Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) at Gandhinagar and also to bifurcate the existing DGS office and locate one office in Gujarat; and
- (e) if so, the present status of the said proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a): The total tonnage handled at various Major and Non-Major Ports in the country including Kandla Port during the last three years and current year is given at Annexure-I and Annexure-II.
- (b) & (c): Yes Madam. The overall growth for all Indian ports is around 5.51% for the last three years and in the Non-Major Ports the growth is around 23.2% during the same period as can be seen from Annexure I and II. In Gujarat the growth in traffic in Kandla and other Non-Major Ports is 21.95% for the last three years.
- (d) & (e): At present, there is no proposal to locate/establish a full-fledged office of the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. There is also no proposal for bifurcation of its existing office & locate one office in Gujarat.