

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there has been negligible growth in the efficiency parameters at major ports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of various measures taken by the Government to improve the efficiency parameters in major ports of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. The performance of the Major Ports has improved over the years particularly key performance indicators such as Average Turn Around Time, Average pre-berthing detention and the Average output per ship berth day. The details of important performance parameters of all the major ports for last 3 years are given below:

Period	Average Turn around Time (Port Account) (in days)	Average Pre-Berthing Detention (Port Account) (in Hrs)	Average Output per ship per berth day (in Tonnes)
2010-11	2.66	11.76	10735
2011-12	2.61	11.13	11112
2012-13	2.58	12.29	11750
2013-14	2.29	8.95	13130

(till May' 13)

(c): Government has taken a number of measures to improve efficiency of major ports. These are:

- (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.