

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:226

ANSWERED ON:26.08.2013

NON UTILISATION OF PORTS CAPACITY

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several ports in the country are not operating to their optimum capacity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, port-wise and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review the functioning of such ports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. As against the traffic of 545.79 MMT handled in 2012-13, the capacity of all Major Ports as on 31.03.2013 was 744.91 Million Metric Tonnes(MMT). The capacity utilization is around 72%. As per the internationally accepted norms the gap between the Traffic and the capacity should be around 30%. Details of Port-wise capacity and traffic handled as on 31.03.2013 is given in Annexure I.

(c)to(e): The government reviews the functioning of major ports on regular basis. The Government has taken following steps to enhance cargo handling by ports in India. These are:

- (i) Construction of new berths and terminals 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.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY GIVEN IN PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 226 FOR ANSWER ON 26.08.2013

Capacity of the All Major Port as on 31.03.2013 as well as Traffic Handled in 2012-13

(In Million Tonnes)

S. No.	Port	Capacity (as on 31.03.2013)	Traffic Handled (2012-13)
1	Kolkata	63.89	39.88
2	Paradip	102.30	56.55
3	Visakhapatnam	67.33	58.96
4	Ennore	31.00	17.88
5	Chennai	85.59	53.52
6	V.O. Chidambaranar	33.34	28.26
7	Cochin	44.66	19.84
8	New Mangalore	76.77	37.03
9	Mormugao	36.40	17.69

10	Mumbai	44.53	58.03
11	JNPT	65.88	64.50
12	Kandla	93.22	93.62
	Total	744.91	545.79