

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there is a need to enhance the capacity of ports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to expand the capacity/modernisation of ports in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K.VASAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. During the current financial year, 13 projects have been awarded so far at various Major Ports which will lead to capacity augmentation of 80.85 Million Tonnes Per Annum(MTPA) at an estimated cost of Rs. 3831.00 crores.

(c) : The steps taken by the Government for capacity expansion of ports are as under:

- (i) Upto 100% FDI under the automatic route is allowed for port development projects.
- (ii) Income tax incentives are allowed as per Income Tax Act, 1961.
- (iii) Bidding documents like RFQ, RFP and Concession Agreement have been standardized.
- (iv) Enhanced delegation of financial powers to Shipping Ministry to accord investment approval for PPP projects.
- (v) Streamlining of security clearance procedures.
- (vi) Close monitoring of developmental projects in the Major Ports.