

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1713

ANSWERED ON:30.11.2009

DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR PORTS UNDER NMDP

Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai;Verma Shri Sajjan Singh

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) for development of major ports and shipping industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of works so far undertaken in various ports in the country, major port-wise;
- (d) the extent to which the capacity of each of such major ports has been increased;
- (e) the extent to which major ports and shipping sector of the country are likely to be benefited on completion of said Programme;
- (f) the number and name of major ports developed alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon under NMDP during each of the last three years and the current year, major port-wise; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to modernise and upgrade the security arrangements at major ports?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has formulated a National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) for accelerating the development of maritime sector in the country. In the Major Ports, 276 projects covering the entire gamut of activities, namely, construction/ upgradation of berths, deepening of channels, equipment upgradation etc, have been identified to be taken up for implementation upto 2011-12. In the shipping sector, the activities covered under the Programme include tonnage acquisition, maritime training, coastal shipping, aids to navigation, ship building and building up of Inland Water Transport (IWT).

(c): In the Port sector, 47 projects have been completed and 71 projects are in progress under NMDP. The Port-wise details are given at Annexure I.

(d): The capacity increase in major ports through implementation of various development projects, including those under NMDP, is given at Annexure II.

(e): With the implementation of projects under NMDP, the resulting upgradation and modernization of the Port Sector and Shipping Sector will enable benchmarking performance against global standards and will help in attracting investment in the Shipping and Ports sector.

(f): The twelve Major Ports are being developed through the projects identified under the NMDP. Most of the projects under the NMDP are part of the Annual Plan of the Major Ports. The details of plan expenditure on development works, including under NMDP, during the last three years and the current year, port-wise is given at Annexure-III.

(g): The Government constituted a High Powered Committee to review security preparedness of Major Ports and Shipyards. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, the Ports have taken various security measures like security scanning of containers, equipping CISF units with Dog Squads and Bomb Disposal Units, Access Control in Ports and Shipyards, Introduction of Automatic Surveillance System etc.