

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:633  
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MODERNISATION OF PARADIP PORT  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Paradip Port in Orissa is very congested and a number of ships await for berth and a number of bulk carriers are diverted to other ports on account of congestion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action plan of the Government to de-congest this port by increasing the capacity or taking other measures in the matter?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): No, Madam. Paradip Port in Orissa is not congested. Paradip Port experienced congestion for a short period of 03 (three) months i.e., from June, 2009 to August, 2009 because of draft restrictions/problems and strike at Haldia Dock Complex leading to diversion of vessels bound for Haldia to Paradip Port. Some bulk carriers were, however, diverted to other ports for a short period when the Single Point Mooring (SPM) was under break-down. Since September, 2009, there is no congestion at Paradip Port. Despite this, various measures are being taken to increase the capacity of the port. These are (i) Deepening of entrance and approach channels to handle cape size vessels; (ii) construction of a new iron ore berth, one coal berth, one multi-purpose berth, one oil berth, one ro-ro jetty for handling of project cargo, installation of 2nd Single Point Mooring (SPM) by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and commencement of lighterage operations through barges and (iii) Mechanisation of existing berths to increase the throughput.