

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CAPACITY EXPANSION OF PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the traffic in major ports has increased over a period of time;
- (b) if so, the existing capacity of each port along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the capacity of major ports in the country including ports in Maharashtra;
- (c) the time by which these ports are likely to be fully developed and their capacity enhanced;
- (d) whether some ports suffer from labour and equipment shortages and also security risks in allowing developers from certain foreign countries; and
- (e) if so, the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K.VASAN)

(a)to(c): Yes, Madam. The existing capacity of all Major Ports upto December, 2013 was 780.29 Million Tonnes(MT). The details of capacity of each port including ports in Maharashtra is at Annexure. The Maritime Agenda 2010-2020 has set a target of 3130.04 Million Tonnes for port capacity by 2020. 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.

(d)&(e): No, Madam. However, mechanisation projects have been undertaken for enhancing the evacuation of cargos and efficiency of the Ports. Developers from foreign countries are allowed only after they are given security clearance based on inputs from Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Ministry of Defence (MoD).