

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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UNDER UTILISATION OF PORTS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Ports are under utilised in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the reasons for not fixing the responsibility against the person (s) responsible for under-utilisation of Indian ports;

(c) whether the Government had fixed a capacity target to be achieved by ports in the country by the end of the Eleventh Plan period; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof along with the action taken for shortfall in achieving the laid down target by any port including reasons therefor, port-wise

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) As against the 11th Five Year Plan target of 1001.80 Million Tonnes per annum, the capacity of all Major Ports at the end of Plan period was 696.53 Million Tonne per annum registering a growth of 38% compared to the 10th Five Year Plan. However, the Government has taken various initiatives for enhancing the capacity of Major Ports. During the last two years, 62 new projects were awarded at various Major Ports entailing capacity augmentation of 354.32 MTPA with estimated investment of Rupees 27475.56 crores. In addition, the Government has also decided to develop two new Major Ports one at Dugarajapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh and other at Sagar Port in West Bengal.