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Ports in Tamil Nadu
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of cargo handled at various ports in Tamil Nadu against the targets during the period 2014-15;
- (b) the berth occupancy of these ports and profit earned during the said period; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be undertaken to increase the activities and profit of these ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

- (a) The quantum of cargo handled at Major Ports in Tamil Nadu against the targets during the period 2014-15 is given below:-

S. No. Name of the Major Port Target fixed
(In Million Metric Tonnes) Cargo actually handled (In Million Metric Tonnes)

- 1. Chennai Port 55.00 52.54
- 2. Kamarajar Port 28.00 30.25
- 3. VoC Port, Tuticorin 32.00 32.41

- (b) The berth occupancy of these ports and profit earned during the year 2014-15 is given below:-

S.No. Name of Major Ports Berth Occupancy Profit

- 1. Chennai Port 52% Rs.23.09 crore
- 2. Kamarajar Port 73.30% Rs.336.57 crore
- 3. VoC Port (Tuticorin) 69.12% Rs.160.54 crore

- (c) For increasing activities, all these ports are taking action on mechanisation of berths, deepening the port's channel & berths for handling bigger ships, adding capacity by constructing new berths & terminals and business promotion. All these ports are continuously taking action to reduce operating expenditure through various austerity measures to increase their profit.
