

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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Underutilised Ports

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of ports in the country are underutilised and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether any review of the working/efficiency of the officials dealing with administrative and operational issues has been done so far;
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b):In 2016-17, Major Ports handled 647.76 MT of cargo against the capacity of 1065.83 MTPA. Thus the overall capacity utilization by Major Ports is more than 60%.

(c)to(e):The working and efficiency of the employees of Major Port Trusts is reviewed from time to time. A committee was constituted to benchmark, evaluate and recommend parameters of training of Port officers of Major Ports and develop for the same reference group a comprehensive performance management/skill enhancement system. The JNPT Antwerp Port Training and Consultancy Foundation at JN Port is offering a wide range of Port related training courses with a long term strategy for development of manpower resource at Ports. The officials of Major Port Trusts are also nominated to Antwerp, Belgium for training on different issues for improving their skill and efficiency.

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