

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 839
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON INDIAN PORT OPERATIONS

839. SH. MANOJ KOTAK:

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

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- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian Port operations are badly affected due to COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and estimate of loss incurred therefrom; and
- (c) the details of the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b) Yes, there was a considerable decline in the total traffic, containers traffic and other than containers traffic in March, April, May, June, July and August, 2020 as compared to the corresponding months in 2019. COVID 19 impact at Major Ports started from March 2020. The details of loss in terms of traffic (container and other than container) due to COVID 19 impact on ports are annexed. However, the recovery has started since June 20.

(c) Ministry of Shipping has issued necessary directions from time to time to all ports to put in place a screening, detection and quarantine system for disembarking Seafarer or cruise passengers, to obtain self-declaration from arriving crews/passengers, to install thermal scanners and procure Personal Protection Equipment(PPE) readiness, N-95 masks, create awareness among the travelers at Ports and Port officials. Further, Major ports under the administrative control of Ministry of Shipping have taken several steps like formation of SoP for disease surveillance/Vessel and crew/passenger management, thermal scanning while moving outside port prohibited area, isolation wards at port hospitals. Further, various advisories/circulars were issued to provide relief to the trade in terms of non-charging of demurrage and other penalties/charges. Various technological/digital inductions were expedited to maintain smooth functioning without human interference viz, E-invoice, E-payment, E-DO and E-BoL at PCSIx.

Annexure

Details of loss in terms of traffic(container and other than container) due to COVID 19 impact on ports

Period	Total Traffic during month		Containers Traffic				Traffic Other than Container	
	(In 000 Tonnes)	% Var. w.r.t. prev. year	Tonnage (000 Tonnes)	% Var. w.r.t. prev. year	TEUs (In 000)	% Var. w.r.t. prev. year	(In 000 Tonnes)	% Var. w.r.t. prev. year
January'20	61344	1.79	12913	3.84	860	2.14	48431	1.25
January'19	60268		12435		842		47833	
February'20	57233	4.58	11791	1.24	802	1.01	45442	5.48
February'19	54729		11647		794		43082	
March'20	61120	-5.25	12006	-10.46	790	-12.51	49114	-3.89
March'19	64510		13408		903		51102	
April'20	47422	-21.08	8306	-33.79	542	-36.98	39116	-17.72
April'19	60086		12545		860		47541	
May'20	45399	-23.25	8497	-34.08	563	-35.58	36902	-20.23
May'19	59151		12890		874		46261	
June'20	49053	-14.64	9549	-22.19	640	-23.63	39504	-12.59
June'19	57466		12272		838		45194	
July'20	51454	-13.23	11464	-13.02	751	-15.24	39990	-13.29
July'19	59300		13180		886		46120	
August'20	51611	-10.23	11460	-8.79	762	-13.80	40151	-10.63
August'19	57494		12565		884		44929	
