

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1565

TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st JANUARY, 2018

COMPREHENSIVE POLICY TO ENHANCE DRAFTS
OF INDIAN PORTS

1565. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that very low drafts at Indian ports, do not match with the international standards as per the Maritime Agenda 2010-20;
- (b) if so, details of drafting facilities exist as of now in 12 major ports in the country;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive policy to enhance the drafts at Indian ports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a)to(b): Maritime Agenda 2010-20 has suggested that Indian ports should strive to achieve a draft of atleast 14 mtrs and upto 17 mtrs according to the potential of bigger size vessels calling at a particular port. 10 Major ports already achieved a minimum draft of 14 mtrs and the remaining Major port except Kolkata have plan to achieve this level. Details of the existing draft available at Major Ports is **annexed**.

(c)to(d): Though there is no comprehensive policy to enhance the drafts at Indian Ports, the Ministry of Shipping is focusing on deepening the drafts of the Major ports. Most of the Major ports have already achieved a draft of 14 mtrs and some others are striving to achieve much deeper drafts of upto 18mtrs. For ensuring smooth movement of ships, the Ports are regularly taking up maintenance dredging of channels and berths.

Drafts at Major Ports

Sl. No.	Name of Port	Existing draft (mtrs)
1	Kolkata	7.2-7.5
2	Paradip	14.5
3	Visakhapatnam	Inner Harbour: 14.5 Outer Harbour: 18.1
4	Kamarajar (Ennore)	13.5-16
5	Chennai	Inner Harbour: 13.0 Outer Harbour: 17.0
6	V.O. Chidambaranar (Tuticorin)	9.7 to 12.8
7	Cochin	14.5
8	New Mangalore	14.0
9	Mormugao	14.4
10	Mumbai	14.0
11	Jawaharlal Nehru	14.0
12	Kandla	13.0 Tuna: 15.0
