GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3964 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd APRIL, 2018 CAPACITY IMPROVEMENT OF MAJOR PORTS

3964. SHRI P.L PUNIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the capacity of major ports in the country during the last three years, port-wise;
- (b) the targets set by the Ministry to improve the capacity of twelve major ports; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has finalized on corporatisation of major ports and if so, the details thereof and if not, whether alternative steps are being taken to modernise and develop ports?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Capacity augmentation at Major Ports is a continuous process. Government is regularly monitoring the Port projects for development/expansion of the Major Ports. Port Projects such as construction of berths, installation of state of the art equipment, mechanisation of cargo handling system and dredging projects to accommodate large size vessels, etc. help in increasing the capacity at major ports. Capacity at Major Ports during the last three years is given at Annexure-I.

(c): Government has decided not to corporatize the Major Ports but instead replace the existing Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 by the Major Port Authorities Bill, 2016 to give greater operational freedom to the board of Major Ports in tune with present day requirements. The Bill has already been introduced in the Lok Sabha.

Port		(In MTPA	
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Kolkata	70.85	86.99	96.10
Paradip	119.80	126.94	143.44
Visakhapatnam	96.76	107.75	110.75
Kamarajar (Ennore)	37.00	45.00	57.00
Chennai	86.04	93.44	93.44
V.O.Chidambaranar	44.55	59.26	65.90
Cochin	49.66	49.66	56.57
New Mangalore	77.77	77.77	87.63
Mormugao	43.76	48.79	50.04
Mumbai	44.53	49.33	65.33
JNPT	79.37	89.37	89.37
Deendayal (Kandla)	121.43	131.06	150.26
Total:	871.52	965.36	1065.83*

(*) Port Capacity re-rated based on Berthing Policy as per international norms. Major Ports re-rated capacity during 2016-17 was 1359 MTPA.
