

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3504**  
ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025

**UPGRADATION OF HALDIA DOCK COMPLEX**

3504. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the timelines for upgrading Haldia Dock Complex, including the targeted completion date for increasing cargo handling capacity from 50 MMT to 75 MMT through PPP projects;
- (b) the status of mechanization and modernization of existing berths, approval status of the Shalukkhali liquid cargo project, and its expected operational date;
- (c) the timelines for developing the outer terminal at Kolkata Dock System and progress on mechanization of berths 7 and 8 at Netaji Subhash Dock;
- (d) whether the target to increase container capacity to 1 million TEUs is on track; and
- (e) the challenges faced and mitigation measures for timely completion?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

- (a) Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) plans to expand its handling capacity to 75 MMT by 2040 through Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects.
- (b) Out of total 14 existing berths inside the dock of HDC, the mechanization and modernization is initiated on 01 berth, while it is also planned for other 8 berths. The concession for setting up a liquid cargo handling jetty at Shalukkhali was awarded and to be completed by August 2025.
- (c) Development of the outer terminal at KDS is currently in the appraisal stage and work is planned to be completed by FY 2032-33. The mechanization of berths 7 and 8 at Netaji Subhas Dock (NSD) is currently under tendering stage.
- (d) & (e) Yes, the target to increase container capacity to 1 million TEUs is progressing as planned. The project is being monitored regularly at the port as well as Ministry level as to avoid any delay and resolve any arising issues during the progress of the project.

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