

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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ANSWERED ON 12.08.2025

CAPACITY OF PORTS

2714. SHRI C. VE. SHANMUGAM:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to expand the capacity of ports in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of ports of the country selected for this purpose;
- (c) whether Government assessed the increased capacity in such ports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any ports in the State of Tamil Nadu have been selected under this scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Yes, the Government has taken several steps to expand the cargo handling capacity of all major ports in the country through modernization, mechanization, construction of new berths and terminals, capital dredging and enhancement of road and rail connectivity. List of capacity expansion of Major Ports from FY 2014-15 to FY 2024-25 is given below:-

(in Million Tonnes Per Annum)

Port	2014-15	2024-25	% increase
Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port	70.85	93.02	31.29
Paradip Port	119.80	289.75	141.86
Visakhapatnam Port	96.76	154.71	59.89
Kamarajar Port	37.00	97.00	162.16
Chennai Port	86.04	136.00	58.06
V.O. Chidambaranar Port	44.55	123.46	177.12
Cochin Port	49.66	80.50	62.10
New Mangalore Port	77.77	114.96	47.82

Mormugao Port	43.76	63.40	44.88
Mumbai Port	44.53	86.50	94.25
Jawaharlal Nehru Port	79.37	145.87	83.78
Deendayal Port	121.43	295.77	143.57
Total	871.52	1680.94	92.87

(e) & (f) Yes, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority, Chennai Port Authority and Kamarajar Port Limited which are in the state of Tamil Nadu have increased their capacity by 177.12%, 58.06% and 162.16% respectively in the last ten years.
