

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 307**  
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**MODERNIZATION PROJECTS LAUNCHED AT NEW MANGALORE PORT**

307. DR. K. LAXMAN:

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

- (a) the progress made on modernization projects launched at New Mangalore Port;
- (b) whether cargo handling capacity has been enhanced from 90,000 tonnes to 46 million tonnes; and
- (c) the details of key initiatives undertaken to develop LNG infrastructure, cruise tourism facilities and port digitalization to improve efficiency and regional competitiveness?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) The New Mangalore Port Authority has developed 16 fully operational berths with drafts up to 14 metres. Of these, 11 berths are mechanised and 5 semi-mechanised. The Port has a cargo handling capacity of 74 million tonnes per year.

NMPA has a dedicated state of the art cruise lounge with facilities like immigration counters, e-visa facility, tourism help desk, foreign exchange counter, duty free shops, free wifi connection, traditional welcome, cultural shows, meditation centre, baggage scanners, etc. To attract more cruise passenger vessels the rate applicable for cruise handling has been rationalised and reduced at New Mangalore Port. Under Port led digitization, the Port has implemented various initiatives like Integrated Port Operating System (IPOS), RFID-based gate admittance and online cart ticketing, Robotic fire-fighting system, Automated weighbridge integrated with port gates in the customs-bond area, ANPR-based boom barriers at entry / exit points of the administrative building and port township. NMPA decided in 2023 not to move forward with the project on LNG terminal development after due diligence.

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