

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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PORT CONGESTION

3678. SMT. RAJANI ASHOKRAO PATIL:

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

- (a) whether Government has identified ports facing chronic congestion across the country;
- (b) the details of major and non-major ports experiencing capacity constraints, including berth occupancy and cargo dwell time;
- (c) the trends in average turnaround time of vessels at Indian ports over recent years, port-wise;
- (d) the impact of congestion and delays on logistics costs, supply chain efficiency and the competitiveness of Indian exports; and
- (e) whether port modernisation initiatives under programmes such as Sagarmala and port-led development have yielded measurable improvements and if not, the corrective steps proposed to address persistent bottlenecks?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) At present, no chronic congestion or capacity constraints have been reported at Major Ports. Ports other than Major Ports (OTMP) are under the administrative control of the respective State Governments and their development falls within the State's jurisdiction and responsibility. The trends in average turnaround time of vessels at Major Ports in the last three years are placed at Annexure. Under the Sagarmala scheme, 24 port-modernization projects worth ₹1,033.43 crore were sanctioned out of which 17 projects costing ₹852.44 crore are completed and 7 projects worth ₹180.99 crore are under implementation. These projects created new and specialized berths, improved dredging, enhanced storage yards, strengthened firefighting systems, added solar capacity, and modernized handling facilities—resulting in greater operational efficiency, improved safety, better global competitiveness, enhanced connectivity, increased digitization, and livelihood benefits for coastal communities.

Annexure**Average Turnaround Time of Major Ports during 2022-23 to 2024-25**

(in hours)

Major Ports	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Deendayal Port Authority	77.28	54.24	58.56
Mumbai Port Authority	67.42	62.97	65.75
Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority	28.47	26	26.35
Mormugao Port Authority	61.47	65.61	69.68
New Mangalore Port Authority	43.09	40.44	40.37
Cochin Port Authority	33.41	33.4	32.41
VO Chidambaranar Port Authority	46.80	51.36	55.44
Chennai Port Authority	48.22	44.92	48.69
Kamarajar Port Limited	45.40	44.37	46.66
Visakhapatnam Port Authority	73.19	65.86	69.19
Paradip Port Authority	46.27	41.61	46.16
SMP – Kolkata Dock System	68.16	82.61	81.73
SMP- Haldia Dock Complex	50.10	50.12	46.79
Overall	52.9	48.06	49.5
