

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1447

TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th NOVEMBER, 2016

DRAFT LEVEL AT PORTS

1447. SHRI KONDAVISHWESHWARREDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details of the draft depth at all the ports including Major and Hub-ports in the country;
- (b) whether the Major and Hub-ports in the country have the capability to handle all types of vessels and bigger ships including those which need draft depth of around 17-18 meter;
- (c) if so, the details thereof port-wise; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the draft depth and also facilitate other requirements needed to handle bigger ships at these ports?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISNAN)

(a) to (d): Details of existing draft and proposed draft in the entrance channels in the 12 Major Ports is placed at the enclosed **Annexure**. In view of draft limitations, Visakhapatnam Port can handle all types of vessels/ships requiring 18.1 metres draft. Chennai Port can handle tankers requiring 17 metres draft during high waters at Bharathi Dock-III. Kandla Port has the capability of handling ships requiring 17 metres draft at Tuna Tekra Terminal and at Vadinar.

ANNEXURE

Name of Port	Existing draft (mtrs)	Proposed Draft (mtrs)	By when likely
Kolkata	7.2-7.5	No proposal to increase draft at present	Kolkata is the only riverine Major Port which suffers from perennial siltation coupled with morphological changes.
Paradip	14.5	18.0	31.12.2017
Visakhapatnam	Inner Harbour: 14.5 Outer Harbour: 18.1	No proposal to increase draft at present	
Kamarajar (Ennore)	13.5-16	18.0	31.03.2017
Chennai	Inner Harbour: 13.0 Outer Harbour: 17.0	No proposal to increase draft at present	
V.O.Chidambaram (Tuticorin)	9.7 to 12.8	No proposal to increase draft at present	Development of outer harbour is planned
Cochin	14.5	No proposal to increase draft at present	
New Mangalore	14.0	No proposal to increase draft at present	
Mormugao	14.4	19.8	31.12.2016
Mumbai	14.0	proposal to increase draft of Fifth oil berth of Jawahar Dweep to 16.1 meters	31.12.2016
J.N.P.T.	14.0	15.0	31.12.2017

Kandla	13.0 Tuna: 15.0	No proposal to increase draft at present	Transloading in practice
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