

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3690

TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th DECEMBER, 2016

CONTAINER BUSINESS

3690. SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that India accounts for a mere 6% of the global container business;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of container usage rate in percentage terms for shipping of various categories of items/cargo during each of the last three years and the current year, category-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the container business?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a)to(d): In terms of data available from United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Report, the share of India's Container Business in Global Container Business is roughly 2%. The details of container usage rate in percentage terms for shipping of various categories of items/cargo during each of last three years and current year up to October, 2016, cargo-wise is given below:

(In 000 Tonnes)

Commodities	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17* Upto Oct. 2016	
	Tonnage	% Share	Tonnage	% Share	Tonnage	% Share	Tonnage	% Share
POL Crude + Product	187254	33.71	188771	32.47	195941	32.31	122038	32.98
Iron Ore**	26222	4.72	17909	3.08	15354	2.53	20898	5.65
Fertilizer	13724	2.47	16196	2.79	15898	2.62	9360	2.53
Coal - Thermal	71641	12.90	85339	14.68	98603	16.26	56056	15.15
- Coking	32751	5.90	32525	5.59	27352	4.51	28589	7.73
Container -Tonnage	114671	20.64	119443	20.55	123119	20.30	72004	19.46
- TEUs	7457	-	7960	-	8197	-	4923	-
Other Misc.	109224	19.66	121161	20.84	130198	21.47	61102	16.51
TOTAL	555487	100.00	581344	100.00	606465	100.00	370047	100.00

(*) Provisional

(**) Includes pellets also

Government is regularly monitoring the Port modernization & infrastructure projects for increasing the capacity of the ports and to bring them to international standards through construction & modernisation of berths, installation of state of art equipment for handling Containers and dredging projects to accommodate large size container vessels at major ports. For giving boost to Container business, the Government is contemplating development and setting up of transshipment ports at Enayam and Vizhinjam.
