

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2138

TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th MARCH, 2018

MAJOR PORTS

2138. SHRI HARIOM SINGH RATHORE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has taken effective steps to empower Major Ports in the country for enabling them to perform with greater efficiency; and
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a)to(b): Yes, Madam. Expansion, modernization, development and upgradation of Port infrastructure in the county is an ongoing process including construction of new berths/harbours & terminals, mechanization of existing berths/harbours & terminals etc. In order to empower Major Ports in the country to perform with greater efficiency, Government has taken the following steps:

(i) With a view to improve the efficiency and productivity of the major ports and make it comparable internationally, a benchmarking study of Major Ports to international standards has been conducted which has recommended 116 initiatives out of which 86 have already been implemented.

(ii) Ministry of Shipping has introduced many other policy initiatives to attain more efficiency like Stevedoring and Shore handling Policy, Berthing Policy, captive policy, revised guidelines on security clearance and revised MCA for future PPP projects. Ports have also been delegated with enhanced financial powers.
