

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3393

TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2018

PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF MAJOR PORTS

3393. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of the Major Ports in the country in the light of their traffic handling capacity;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes for development/expansion of the Major Ports in view of the increased volume of traffic being handled by these ports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b):The performance of Major Ports in the Country is being reviewed regularly at various levels both in the Ports as well as in the Ministry. The Port Authorities explore the possibility of generating new cargos so that the gap between the traffic and capacity is reduced. Major Ports also organize trade meets to attract traffic from their hinterland/region. While the installed capacity of the Major Ports has gone up from 965.36MTPA in 2015-16 to 1359MTPA (re-rated) in 2016-17, the traffic handled by the Major Ports has gone up from 606.47MT in 2015-16 to 648.40MT in 2016-17.

(c)&(d):Infrastructural development and capacity augmentation of Major Ports is a continuous process: the process inter-alia includes mechanization of Ports by way of use of latest version of crane and other equipments for quicker turnaround of cargo. Implementation of some of the new initiatives suggested by the Benchmarking consultant also had a positive impact with regard to the efficiency and productivity of the Ports. As a result the installed capacity of the Major Ports has gone up from 871.52MTPA in 2014-15 to 1359MTPA in 2016-17 which is adequate to handle the existing level of cargo at the ports.

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