

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1592  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2018

**CAPACITY OF MAJOR PORTS**

1592. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) the capacity and capacity utilisation of Major Ports in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the targets set by the Government to improve the capacity of all the Major Ports in the country;
- (c) whether the Government has finalized the process of corporatisation of Major Ports in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the details of alternative steps being taken to modernise and develop these ports?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Capacity augmentation at Major Ports is a continuous process. Government is regularly monitoring the Port projects for development/expansion of the Major Ports. Port Projects such as construction of berths, installation of state of the art equipment, mechanisation of cargo handling system and dredging projects to accommodate large size vessels, etc. help in increasing the capacity at major ports. Capacity and Capacity utilization of Major Ports during each of the last three years and the current year is given at **Annexure**.

(c) & (d) Government has decided not to corporatize the Major Ports but instead replace the existing Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 by the Major Port Authorities Bill, 2016 to give greater operational freedom to the board of Major Ports in tune with present day requirements. The Bill has already been introduced in the Lok Sabha.

**Annexure**

**Capacity and Capacity utilization of Major Ports**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Capacity (MTPA)</b>	<b>Capacity Utilisation (Traffic in MT)</b>
2015-16	965.36	606.47
2016-17	1359.00*	648.40
2017-18	1451.19	679.37
2018-19 (upto June, 2018)	1462.90	174.02

(\*) Port Capacity re-rated based on Berthing Policy as per international norms. Major Ports re-rated capacity during 2016-17 was 1359 MTPA.