

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 445
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th JULY, 2018

PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN PORTS

445. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether cargo handling capacity, connectivity and processing at Indian Ports still lag behind the global standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the performance of India Ports in this regard; and
- (d) the details of connectivity facilities amongst Major Ports available at present in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Infrastructure development and capacity augmentation of Major Ports is an ongoing process. The process inter-alia involves construction of new berths and terminals, mechanization of existing berth and terminals, capital dredging for deepening of drafts for attracting large vessels in port channels, development of road and rail connectivity etc. As a result, the cargo handling capacity of the Major Ports has been steadily going up. The installed capacity of the Major Ports as on 31.3.2018 is 1451.19 MTPA which is sufficient to handle the existing cargo traffic at the Major Ports. The traffic handled by the Major Ports during 2017-18 was 679.37 MT. Significant improvement in efficiency has been achieved by the Major Ports in the last three years. With a view to improve further 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 87 have already been implemented.

(d) Under the Sagarmala programme, the Government has taken up number of projects to connect ports with National Highways and Rail network for efficient evacuation to and from hinterland. To enhance the connectivity to Major ports and to meet connectivity requirements for future traffic projections, 27 Rail connectivity enhancement projects have been identified and being implemented by Indian Port Rail Company Limited(IPRCL). Similarly, 48 Road connectivity projects have also been identified to improve connectivity of major ports with hinterland.
