

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1251
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INCREASE IN CARGO HANDLING CAPACITY

1251. SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
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Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase cargo handling capacity at its sea and river ports by 2047;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the targets achieved therein;
- (c) whether Indian ports have achieved double-digit annual growth in the past 10 years and beaten many developed nations in ship turnaround time;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the present total port capacity and the extent to which it will increase from the existing in 2047;
- (f) whether the Government is planning to develop green hydrogen hubs at all Central and State Government – Owned ports; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b) Yes. The government has given a strong push to increase the cargo handling capacity of ports through modernization, mechanization, digitalization, development of port clusters, dredging for deepening of drafts, development of infrastructure for road and rail connectivity etc.

(c) & (d) The highest annual growth of Indian Ports in the last 10 years was 9.2% in FY 2022-23. As per the World Bank's Logistic Performance Index Report 2023, Indian Ports has achieved "Turn Around Time" as 0.9 days which is better than USA (1.5 days), UAE (1.1 days) Singapore(1.0 days), Russian Federation (1.8 days), Malaysia(1.0), Ireland(1.2 days), Indonesia (1.1 days), New Zealand (1.1 days) and South Africa (2.8 days).

(e) The present capacity of Indian Ports is 2691 MTPA. Under Maritime AmritKaal Vision 2047, envisioned by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, total cargo handling capacity for Indian Ports is targeted to increase by more than 10000 MTPA.

(f) & (g) Three Major Ports i.e. Deendayal Port Authority in Gujarat, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority in Tamil Nadu and Paradip Port Authority in Odisha are working on the development of these Ports as Hydrogen Hubs.
