

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1739
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 2019

STREAMLINING OF THE PORTS

1739. DR. RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has conducted a study to access the existing facilities at the shipping ports in coastal States of the country to make them more streamlined;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the proposals received by the Government in this regard for approval during the previous years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, an analysis of nation-wide end-to-end logistics flows of all key commodities (~85% of all commodities) at ports was carried out based on which the National Perspective Plan (NPP) for the Sagarmala Programme was prepared in April 2016.

As a part of the NPP, a roadmap is developed for increasing Indian port capacity to 3300+ MTPA by 2025. Master Planning of 12 Major Ports has been carried out and 95 capacity expansion and port modernisation projects have been identified. Major ports capacity has been re-rated with respect to global benchmarks as per berthing policy 2016 and effective capacity has increased by 293 MTPA after re-rating. Global benchmarks have been adopted to improve the efficiency and productivity for major ports and 116 initiatives have been identified to unlock 100 MTPA of capacity at major ports

Further, an Action Plan for Coastal Shipping has been prepared by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in September 2019. This action plan includes recommendations with respect to infrastructure creation required to increase the use of coastal shipping in India.

(c) Ministry of Shipping has approved 67 projects (cost: Rs. 5702 Crore) under Sagarmala Programme for financial assistance of Rs. 1,491 Crore for improving port infrastructure and port connectivity.
