

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*249  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2021

**UPGRADATION OF PORTS**

\*249. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government plans to upgrade minor ports in the country to major ports and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering any proposal to upgrade infrastructure facilities at Beypore port and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has shifted Lakshadweep cargo handling facility at Beypore port to Mangalore port and if so, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (c)      A statement is laid on the Table of House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) of LOK SABHA  
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BY SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN REGARDING "UPGRADATION OF PORTS".**

(a) Major Ports are under the administrative control of Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and non-major ports are under the jurisdiction of respective State Government. Under Sagarmala Ministry is providing support to Coastal States/UTs for projects related to port infrastructure development.

(b) Yes. Government of Kerala has prepared a plan for the development of Beypore Port. It consists of following three stages:

Stage 1- Capital Dredging

Stage 2- Development of Coastal Berth

Stage 3- Infrastructure and Equipment Facility Development.

(c) No. There is no shifting of Lakshadweep cargo handling facility at Beypore port to Mangalore port. The details of cargo traffic handled during 2019-20 from mainland ports to Lakshadweep is placed in Annexure - I

**Cargo Traffic during 2019-20 from mainland ports to Lakshadweep (MT)**

<b>Port</b>	<b>MSVs (Private)</b>	<b>UTLA Barge (Govt.)</b>	<b>UTLA Passenger Ships (Govt.)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Kochi	Nil	1000	9000	10000	3.72
Beypore	80000	50000	1000	131000	48.79
Mangalore	125000	1500	1000	127500	47.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>205000</b>	<b>52500</b>	<b>11000</b>	<b>268500</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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