

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1728
ANSWERED ON 11/02/2022

HANDLING OF TRAFFIC AND FRIEGHT BY INDIAN PORTS

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

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- (a) whether some ports in Asia alone handle more traffic and freight than all Indian ports put together; and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that India proposes to establish a critical link chain of ports and to intensify the process of integration to drive trade growth with global economy and intensify the process of integration with the global economy;
- (c) if so, the initiative taken to convert the minor ports in India to the rank of Major Ports; and
- (d) the progress made in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Top 9 global container ports in Asia (7 Chinese, 1 Singapore, 1 South Korean) handled more traffic in 2020-21 than the traffic handled by all Indian ports put together.
- (b) PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan depicts the economic zones and the infrastructure linkages required to support them with an objective to holistically integrate all the multimodal infrastructural projects and to remove infrastructural gaps for seamless movement of people and goods. This is also expected to promote/facilitate their integration to global supply and value chains through sectoral market linkages.
- (c)&(d) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry.
