

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
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CARGO MOVEMENT AT PORTS

2088. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

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

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- (a) the percentage of cargo handled across the major ports in the country during the last five years and current year, year-wise and port-wise;
- (b) whether the container traffic at Visakhapatnam Port is lesser in comparison to JNPT and Mundra;
- (c) if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (d) the growth of traffic across the major ports in the country during the last five years, year-wise and port-wise;
- (e) whether the Act East Policy has benefitted in Export-Import (EXIM) across the ports located along the east coast of the country; and
- (f) the efforts being made by the Government to introduce digitization into the process involving cargo movement and port operations?

ANSWER

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

(a) The percentage of cargo handled at different Major Ports, Port-wise during the last five years are given at Annexure – I.

(b)&(c) Yes, Sir. The container tonnage handled at Visakhapatnam Port during 2021-22 was 85,83,000 tonnes whereas JNPA and Mundra Ports handled 6,90,92,000 tonnes and 8,90,98,000 tonnes respectively during the same period. Further, all the ports have facilities to handle different types of cargo, which are categorised into liquid bulk, dry bulk, containers and break bulk cargo. At JNPA, predominantly container is handled whereas at Visakhapatnam Port, multiple types of cargo are handled. The container handling capacity of a port is determined by the infrastructure available at the Port.

(d) The growth of traffic at major ports during the last five years and port-wise is given at Annexure – II.

(e) Yes, Sir. The Act East Policy has benefitted in Export – Import (EXIM) across the ports located along the east coast of the country.

(f) The government has given a strong push to port modernisation and digitalisation, with a number of ease of doing business initiatives. Port digitalisation includes the introduction of web-based e-forms, installation of container scanners and radio frequency identification-based systems for gate automation, digitalisation of land records, etc. A centralized web-based Port Community System (PCS 1x) has been operationalized across all Major Ports, which enables seamless data flow between the various stakeholders through a common interface. To move towards a complete paperless regime, E-DO (Electronic Delivery Order) through PCS was made mandatory along with e-invoicing and e-payment. Several functionalities, focused on ease of doing business, like e-Delivery Order, e-Invoicing and e-Payment have been added in PCS1x.

Annexure - I

Percentage of cargo handled at different Major Ports

PORT	(In Percent)				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Kolkata Dock System	2.56	2.65	2.46	2.36	2.12
Haldia Dock Complex	5.96	6.47	6.62	6.76	5.96
Paradip	15.02	15.63	15.99	17.03	16.13
Visakhapatnam	9.35	9.34	10.32	10.38	9.59
Kamarajar	4.48	4.94	4.50	3.85	5.38
Chennai	7.64	7.58	6.63	6.47	6.74
V.O. Chidambaranar	5.38	4.91	5.12	4.73	4.74
Cochin	4.29	4.58	4.83	4.68	4.80
New Mangalore	6.19	6.08	5.55	5.43	5.46
Mormugao	3.96	2.53	2.27	3.27	2.56
Mumbai	9.25	8.67	8.61	7.93	8.32
Jawaharlal Nehru	9.71	10.11	9.71	9.63	10.55
Deendayal	16.21	16.51	17.39	17.48	17.65

Annexure - II

Growth of traffic at major ports

(In Percent)

PORT	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Kolkata Dock System	3.45	6.68	-6.73	-8.11	-3.79
Haldia Dock Complex	18.63	11.63	3.25	-2.60	-5.70
Paradip	14.68	7.12	3.12	1.65	1.38
Visakhapatnam	4.12	2.78	11.36	-3.96	-1.16
Kamarajar	1.42	13.31	-7.97	-18.46	49.65
Chennai	3.32	2.18	-11.80	-6.86	11.51
V.O. Chidambaranar	-4.89	-6.13	5.05	-11.88	7.33
Cochin	16.52	9.90	6.30	-7.45	9.67
New Mangalore	5.28	1.08	-7.91	-6.76	7.66
Mormugao	-18.94	-34.26	-9.42	37.28	-16.06
Mumbai	-0.35	-3.57	0.18	-12.15	12.32
Jawaharlal Nehru	6.20	7.12	-3.19	-5.32	17.26
Deendayal	4.42	4.82	6.24	-4.11	8.11
