

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1229.
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 03RD DECEMBER, 2024.**

SHORTAGE OF CONTAINERS

1229. DR. C M RAMESH:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the long voyage time and the resultant container shortage is impacting Indian exports, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the extent to which war between Israel and Hamas, attacks by Houthi rebels in the Red Sea and Russia and Ukraine War are impacting availability of containers;
- (c) the reason for India not able to manufacture containers and be in a position to supply containers instead of getting them from other countries;
- (d) the details of orders for containers provided to BHEL and Braithwaite, etc., since 2021 and whether domestic companies are able to meet in delivering orders;
- (e) if not, the extent to which the Government is planning to go ahead in this regard and if not, the plans to go ahead in this regard; and
- (f) whether there are container manufacturers in Andhra Pradesh and CONCORD also places orders with it and if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

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**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

- (a) & (b):** The long voyage time due to ships taking longer routes through Cape of Good Hope has impacted global trade, including Indian exports. This has resulted in increased time for goods to reach international markets. No shortage of containers has been, however, reported on account of the longer voyage time or the Red Sea conflicts issues and Russia-Ukraine War. Regular interactions are done with shipping lines, port/ terminal, and export/import associations to assess for possible interventions.

- (c): There is limited demand of containers manufactured in India and accordingly the limited manufacturing capacity for containers in India. The container manufacturing industry is dominated by economies of scale that favor established manufacturers from other countries, who benefit from lower production costs, advanced technologies, and immediate cargo loading opportunities.
- (d) & (e): Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR) which is one of the major container operators in India is sourcing the containers from Indian manufacturers including BHEL, Braithwaite & Company etc the details for which are furnished below:

A. Total orders placed by Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR) since 2021: Total 20,890 containers

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| i. M/s Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) | - 1,950 containers |
| ii. M/s Braithwaite & Co. Ltd. | - 840 containers |
| iii. BHEL | - Nil |
| iv. Other private companies | -18,100 containers |

B. Total orders delivered Till Nov 2024 : 14,607 containers

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| i. M/s Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL) | - 1,500 containers |
| ii. M/s Braithwaite & Co. Ltd. | - 236 containers |
| iii. Other Private companies | - 12,871 containers |

- (f): Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR) have placed order with M/s Amba Coach Builders Pvt Ltd located in Andhra Pradesh of total 2500 containers since 2021 out of which 28 containers have been delivered till Nov 2024.
