

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3201**  
ANSWERED ON 13.12.2024

**MODERNIZATION OF PORT INFRASTRUCTURE**

3201. SHRI NAVEEN JINDAL:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) the details of maximum size of ships that could enter Indian ports at present vis a vis global average;
- (b) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to strengthen and modernize port infrastructure across the country to facilitate berthing of larger ships; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) The maximum size of ship with a draft of 18.4 meter entered in Indian Major Ports, which is comparable to global ports. Infrastructure development and capacity augmentation of Major Ports is a continuous process. It involves the construction of new berths and terminals, mechanization of existing berths and terminals, capital dredging for deepening of drafts for handling larger vessels of new generation. With the development of New Vadhavan Port in Maharashtra with container handling capacity of 23.2 Million TEUs per annum, Outer Harbour Project at V.O. Chidambaranar Port in Tamilnadu with container handling capacity of 4 Million TEUs per annum and Container Terminal Development project at Tuna Tekra at Deendayal Port in Gujarat with container handling capacity of 2.19 Million TEUs per annum, the country would be able to handle the new generation mega size vessel.

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