

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 920
ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024

EXPANSION OF PORT CAPACITY

920. SMT. POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM:

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

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- (a) whether the Government has achieved significant progress in expanding port capacity across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the impact of these expansions on cargo handling volumes at major ports across the country;
- (d) whether the Government has plans to develop additional ports to further enhance India's cargo handling capacity and global trade competitiveness; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Yes. The cargo handling capacity of major ports has doubled during the last decade from 800.52 MTPA in FY 2013-14 to 1629.86 MTPA in FY 2023-24. As a result, the total cargo handled in Major Ports has increased from 555.48 million tonnes in FY 2013-14 to 819.22 million tonnes in FY 2023-24.

(d) to (e) Yes. Vadhavan Port in Maharashtra has been approved to be developed as the mega container port in the country catering to the requirement of handling new generation mega size container vessels.
