

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3286**  
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2025

**EXPANSION OF PORT CAPACITY**

3286: DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRI DHAVAL LAXMANBHAI PATEL:

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

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- (a) whether Government proposes to expand the capacity of the ports of the country;
- (b) if so, the number of ports of the country selected under this scheme; and
- (c) the total percentage increase being made in the capacity of the selected ports?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Capacity augmentation is a continuous process across all Major Ports. The Government has taken several steps to expand the cargo handling capacity of all major ports in the country through modernization, mechanization, construction of new berths and terminals, capital dredging, and enhancement of road and rail connectivity. The overall capacity of Major Ports has increased from 871.52 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) in FY 2014–15 to 1680.94 MTPA in FY 2024–25, representing an increase of 93%.

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