

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5676
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2026

MODERNISATION OF INDIAN PORTS

5676. SHRI NAVEEN JINDAL:

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

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

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) At present, Indian ports with deep-draft facilities of up to 20 metres are capable of accommodating the world's largest cargo and container vessels, a capacity broadly comparable with major global ports. To further enhance this capability, Government has taken sustained steps to strengthen and modernise port infrastructure across the country, undertaking measures in capacity augmentation, mechanisation, deepening of drafts, and the development of offshore and outer harbours to facilitate the berthing of larger ships.
