

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4223
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th AUGUST, 2016

BERTHING OF BIGGER VESSELS

4223. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details of the draft at all the ports including major and hub-ports in the country, port-wise;
- (b) the details of targets fixed and achieved for increasing draft at various ports in the current plan period in the country, port-wise;
- (c) the time by which these targets are likely to be achieved, port-wise;
- (d) whether all the major and hub-ports in the country have the capability to handle all types of vessels/bigger ships including those which need draft level of around 17-18 meter and if so, the details thereof, port-wise; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken/being taken to increase the draft and facilitate other requirements needed for berthing of bigger vessels?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

- (a) to (c): A minimum draft availability of 14 metres in Major Ports has been targeted for achievement by the end of 12th Plan period. Most Major Ports already have a minimum draft of 14 metres and the remaining major ports have plans to achieve this level. Details of existing draft and proposed draft in the entrance channels in the 12 Major Ports are given in the **Annexure**.
- (d) & (e): In view of the draft limitations, presently Visakhapatnam Port can handle all types of vessels/ bigger ships of draft level upto 18.1 metres. Chennai Port is handling tankers requiring 17 metres draft during high waters at Bharathi Dock-III and Kandla Port has the capability of handling big ships including ships requiring 17 metres draft at Tuna Tekra Terminal and at Vadinar.

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Annexure

Name of Port	Existing draft (mtrs)	Proposed Draft (mtrs)	By when likely
Kolkata	7.2-7.5	No proposal to increase draft at present	Kolkata is the only riverine Major Port which suffers from perennial siltation coupled with morphological changes.
Paradip	14.5	18.0	31.12.2017
Visakhapatnam	Inner Harbour: 14.5 Outer Harbour: 18.1	No proposal to increase draft at present	
Kamarajar (Ennore)	13.5-16	18.0	31.03.2017
Chennai	Inner Harbour: 13.0 Outer Harbour: 17.0	No proposal to increase draft at present	
V.O. Chidambarnar (Tuticorin)	9.7 to 12.8	No proposal to increase draft at present	Development of outer harbour is planned
Cochin	14.5	No proposal to increase draft at present	
New Mangalore	14.0	No proposal to increase draft at present	
Mormugao	14.4	19.8	31.12.2016
Mumbai	14.0	proposal to increase draft of Fifth oil berth of JawaharDweep to 16.1 meters	31.12.2016
Jawaharlal Nehru	14.0	15.0	31.12.2017
Kandla	13.0 Tuna: 15.0	No proposal to increase draft at present	Transloading in practice
