

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SURFACE TRANSPORT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:158  
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CONTAINER TRAFFIC AT VISAKHAPATNAM PORT  
M. JAGANNATH

**Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is increase in container traffic at the port of Visakhapatnam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken to modernise and introduce sophisticated cargo transfer system for containers in that Port ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT ( SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV )

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The details of container traffic handled through Visakhapatnam Port during the last five years and the growth rates achieved are as under :-

Year Handled	TEU`s Rate	Growth Handled	Tonnage Rate	Growth
1995-96	8446	-	93693	-
1996-97	13117	(+) 55%	166294	(+) 77%
1997-98	12608	(-) 38%	146005	(-) 12%
1998-99	14307	(+) 3.48%	172081	(+) 18%
1999-00	20427	(+) 42.80%	262356	(+) 52%

(c): A separate berth for containers has been commissioned on 3.7.2000. The length of the berth is being expanded to 449 mtrs. and draft is also proposed to be increased to 16 mtrs. Modern equipment at this berth are to be installed through private sector. A Container Freight Station and additional storage area are to be developed. The container berth connectivity through road and rail connection is planned in the future. Other required infrastructure facilities and equipment and stuffing and destuffing facilities are also planned.