

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SURFACE TRANSPORT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1599  
ANSWERED ON:06.03.2000  
DEVELOPMENT OF PORTS AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL  
RATTAN LAL KATARIA

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to develop Mumbai, Madras and Kandla Ports at the international level; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT)

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) &(b): As the productivity of some of the Major Ports is less than the productivity of certain foreign ports, constant efforts are being made by the administration of Major Ports and the Government to modernise the ports including, Mumbai, Chennai and Kandla ports and improve their productivity by better management and use of labour. Private Sector participation is also being sought in modernisation and expansion of the ports. In the case of Chennai Port, it has been decided to develop a modern Container Terminal with cargo handling facilities at par with the world's best terminals, with a view to handle larger vessels with speed to avoid transshipment of Indian containers from neighbouring foreign ports such as Colombo, Singapore, Dubai and Salalah.