

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN PORT SECTOR

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the private sector has been permitted to participate in port sector;
- (b) if so, since when private sector participation has been invited by the Government;
- (c) whether some projects have been taken up by the private sector during the Tenth Plan; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d) Private sector participation in development of major ports is an ongoing process. So far, the Government has approved 17 private sector/captive port development projects involving an investment of Rs.3247 crores. Further, 21 private sector/captive port development projects involving an investment of Rs.4394 crores are either under consideration or under bidding process. According to the report of the Working Group for Port Sector for the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07), private sector investment in port development projects is expected to be around Rs.11257 crores during the Tenth Plan period.