

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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FINANCIAL CONDITION OF PORTS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of coastline of the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of ports situated in each State, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government reviews the financial condition of the ports periodically;
- (d) if so, the names of the ports which faced financial crunch during 2004-05;
- (e) whether the Government provides loans to various ports;
- (f) if so, the details of the loan provided to various ports during each of the last three years; and
- (g) the steps taken for improving the condition of ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) The requisite information is given below:

Sl.No. State Length of coastline (in Kilometers) Total number of ports
(major and non-major ports)

1. Gujarat	1214.7	41
2. Maharashtra	652.6	55
3. Goa	118.0	6
4. Karnataka	280.0	10
5. Kerala	569.7	14
6. Tamil Nadu	906.9	17
7 Andhra Pradesh	973.7	13
8. Orissa	476.7	3
9. West Bengal	157.5	2
10. Pondicherry	30.6	1
11. Daman & Diu	42.5	2
12. Andaman & Nicobar	1962.0	23
13. Lakshadweep	132.0	10
All States	7516.6	197

(c)&(d) As per Indian Ports Act, 1908, the Ports other than Major Ports are under the administrative control of the State Government concerned. As such, the Central Government reviews the financial condition of the Major Ports only. As per available information, none of the Major Ports faced financial crunch during 2004-05.

(e)&(f) Depending upon the requirements of the Major Ports, loans are provided by Central Government. An amount of Rs. 3 crores has been given to Cochin Port Trust as loan during the financial year 2004-05.

(g) Improvement of ports is an ongoing process. Periodical reviews of different activities are conducted by the management of Major Ports to increase their efficiency. Modernisation of ageing plants and machinery is also undertaken by Ports to enhance operational efficiency.