

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:104
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2006
CARGO HANDLING CAPACITY AT MAJOR PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the existing cargo handling capacity of the major ports;
- (b) the details of infrastructural developments carried out in the major ports during the last three years, port-wise;
- (c) the details of capacity of existing road infrastructure available for accessing these ports by cargo containers, including the time taken on an average for a container to return from port;
- (d) whether the existing infrastructure of accessing roads to ports are adequate to facilitate projected growth in export-import trade;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government has any plan to augment the cargo handling capacity of major ports; and
- (g) if so, the steps contemplated to augment the same during the Eleventh Plan, port-wise alongwith time frame therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.104 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2006 RAISED BY SHRI KASHIRAM RANA AND SHRI HITEN BARMAN REGARDING CARGO HANDLING CAPACITY OF MAJOR PORTS

(a) The details of the existing cargo handling capacity of the Major Ports as on 31.3.2006 is as under:

S.No. Commodity Total (in Million Tonnes)

1 POL	162.25
2 Iron Ore	55.80
3 Coal (Thermal)	46.25
4 Fertilizers	7.60
5 General Break Bulk Cargo	122.20
6 Container	
(in lakhs 20 Foot equivalent units)	62.10
(51.76)	
Total	456.20

(b) The details of infrastructural developments carried out in the Major Ports during the last three years, Port-wise are indicated as Annexure-I

(c) to (e): All Major Ports are connected to a network of National Highways. Capacity enhancement of infrastructure including roads is an ongoing process depending on the requirements. Road Connectivity Projects concerning Major Ports are generally executed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) excepting some cases where small segments of roads falling in the Port area are developed by the Ports on their own. The details of the Port connectivity projects undertaken by NHAI are indicated at Annexure-II.

The time taken by containers to return from the port inter alia depends on yard capacity, number of cranes and other cargo handling equipments, customs formalities, the capacity and conditions of the roads and on the initial and terminal points of the journey.

(f) & (g): A total of 276 projects in the 12 Major Ports have been identified under the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) with the objective to upgrade and modernise the infrastructure in these Ports. These projects include

construction/upgradation of berths, deepening of channels, rail and road connectivity, equipment upgradation, and other back up facilities. Some of the projects are already under implementation and other will be implemented by 2011-12 which is the terminal year of 11th five year plan. The Port-wise details are indicated in the statement at Annexure-III.