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DECONGESTION OF MAJOR PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the various steps taken by the Government for de-congestion of the major ports in the country such as JNPT, Chennai Port Trust etc.;
- (b) the total budgetary outlay/financial projects made for de-congestion of major ports during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (c) the total budgetary amount sanctioned vis-à-vis spent on the works for de-congestion of major ports during the last three years; and
- (d) the extent of success achieved in this regard, port-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Major Ports are on the whole well equipped to handle the export-import traffic. Instances of congestion were however witnessed at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and Chennai Port Trust during the preceding year. Effective steps initiated by these ports to deal with congestion include mobilization of additional equipments like Reach Stackers, Tractor-Trailers, etc. Ports have also identified separate area for staking the containers and generated additional storage space. Steps for faster clearance of the cargo are initiated in consultation with private parties to ensure en-block movement of containers and clear the congestion.

(b), (c) & (d) No amount is specifically earmarked for taking steps for decongestion in the major ports. Various steps are undertaken for enhancing the capacity of the ports, ensuring better connectivity with the rail and road, etc. Total budgetary allocation for the development of major ports and the actual expenditure made for the last three years are as under:-

Budget Estimates in Rs.crores Actuals Rs.in crores

2002-03	902.12	478.96
2003-04	914.89	303.83
2004-05	735.91	320.56

Investment made by the major ports and Government in development of the infrastructure and augmentation of capacity of ports have contributed significantly to the increased efficiency of these ports.