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Capacity enhancement of major ports

3527. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government may fall short of Eleventh Plan target for capacity addition in major ports by around 40 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the target was to add a capacity of the major ports to over 1000 million tonnes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps planned by Government to meet the capacity addition projection under the ambitious National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP)?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) At the end of the 10th Five Year Plan, the aggregate capacity of the Major Ports was 504.7 Million Tonnes Per Annuam (MTPA) which was targeted to increase to 1016 MTPA. As regard National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP), out of the 276 projects covered under the port sector, 76 projects relate to construction of berths which will add to the capacity of the major ports. Some other projects relating to purchase of equipments, mechanisation and deepening of channel will also add to capacity addition. Out of the 276 projects originally envisaged under the NMDP, 50 projects at a cost of Rs. 5717.28 crore have already been completed adding capacity of 55.88 MT.

Upgradation of Mormugao Port Trust

3528. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans for upgradation of Mormugao Port Trust (MPT);

(b) if so, the details of each of the project, expenditure involved, progress made and proposed date of completion of each of the projects;