

42 projects. 10 projects could not be awarded due to various reasons such as non-receipt of security inputs for bidders, inadequate response to the bids and litigation, etc.

(d) and (e) Government of India has issued guidelines for streamlining the security clearance process for port projects. As per the said guidelines, security inputs are to be provided by the security agencies within 12 weeks and the same are valid for 3 years unless there is a change of more than 10% in the shareholding pattern of the company.

The Government has also taken steps for formulation of new guidelines for fixation of Tariff in Major Ports to enable the terminal operators of Major Ports to fix market related tariff which will continue to be notified by Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP).

Cargo volumes at major ports

4001. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the cargo volume over the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the cargo volumes being handled at major ports is declining;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government proposes measures to increase the cargo handled by major ports in India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) The cargo traffic details of the 12 Major Ports for the years 2010-11 to 2012-13, are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) As is evident from the Annexure, most Major Ports have shown growth in cargo volumes over the years. Only Kolkata, Visakhapatnam, Chennai and Mormugao have shown a decline in cargo, mainly due to the ban on iron ore mining and banning of dusty cargo by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras at Chennai Port.

(d) and (e) Steps taken by the Government to accelerate the pace of growth at the Major ports are as under:—

- (i) Construction of new berths and terminals to enhance port capacity to minimise pre-breathing detention time and reduce turnaround time of vessels calling on the Ports.
- (ii) Modernising berths with State of the art loading/unloading equipment to improve operational efficiency.
- (iii) Deepening of channels and berths so that ports can accommodate larger vessels.
- (iv) Improving rail/road connectivity of Ports for speedy evacuation of cargo.

Statement

Cargo handled at Major Ports in the last 3 years

(In Million Tonnes)

Port	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Kolkata	47.55	43.25	39.88
Paradip	56.03	54.25	56.55
Visakhapatnam	68.04	67.42	58.96
Ennore	11.01	14.96	17.88
Chennai	61.46	55.71	53.40
V.O. Chidambaram	25.73	28.11	28.26
Cochin	17.87	20.09	19.84
New Mangalore	31.55	32.94	37.03
Mormugao	50.02	39.00	17.69
Mumbai	54.59	56.19	58.03
JNPT	64.31	65.73	64.50
Kandla	81.88	82.50	93.62
TOTAL:	596.03	560.13	545.67