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	Construction of Fifth Oil Berth at Jawahar Dweep	22.00
Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust	Fourth Container Terminal (BMCTPL) Phase-II	30
	Additional Liquid Cargo Jetty	4.5
	Coastal Berth	2.5

JNPT has recently increased its draft from 14m to 15m which has enabled it to accommodate vessels of 12000 plus Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit (TEU) capacity.

**Priority for augmentation of port sector**

3314. SHRJ K.R. ARJUNAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has accorded top most priority of capacity augmentation of the port sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government has identified various parameters for reducing dwell time and transaction costs at the major ports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Infrastructure development and capacity augmentation of Major Ports is an ongoing process. The process *inter-alia* involves construction of new berths and terminals, mechanization of existing berth and terminals, capital dredging for deepening of drafts for attracting large vessels in port channels, development of road and rail connectivity etc. As a result, the cargo handling capacity of the Major Ports has been steadily going up. The installed capacity of the Major Ports as on 31.3.2019 is 1514.09 MTPA which is sufficient to handle the existing cargo traffic at the Major ports.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Shipping had identified and implemented various parameters for reducing dwell time and transaction costs in the Major Ports. These include

elimination of manual forms, providing land for accommodation of laboratories of Participating Government Agencies (PGAs). facilitation of Direct Port Delivery and Direct Port Entry, Installation of Container Scanners, issuance of E-delivery orders, installation of RFID based Gate-automation System, launching of Port Community System lx etc.

#### **Utilisation of Indian maritime area**

†3315. SHRI NARAYAN RANE : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total percentage of maritime area India constitutes of the world;
- (b) whether it is a fact that India has not been able to exploit the benefits of its vast maritime area so far, although it can exploit the same in the areas of international trade and maritime transportation; and
- (c) the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) The length of India's coastline is 1.2% of world's coastline.

(b) and (c) Exploitation of the Blue Economy to ensure better standards and quality of life for a large number of people living in coastal areas is an important part of the vision of the Government. The Sagarmala Programme on port led development including coastal community development is meant for implementing the vision.

#### **Increase in Indian seafarers at global level**

3316. DR. BANDA PRAKASH : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to slate:

- (a) whether the number of seafarers in the country has increased by over 60,000;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to increase employment opportunities for the youth in this sector;
- (c) whether Government has taken various policy decisions and initiatives to increase share of Indian seafarers at global level;

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