

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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RISE IN COASTAL SHIPPING TRAFFIC

2553. SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was an increase in the coastal shipping traffic in the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken any initiative for the construction or upgradation of exclusive coastal berths, mechanization of coastal berths and capital dredging in the last three years and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is going to take any steps to increase the total freight movement through the water transport in the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

- (a) Coastal shipping traffic has experienced a growth of approx. 11% in the last three years. The details of the coastal shipping traffic for both major and non-major ports in the last three years are as under:

Coastal Shipping Traffic in the last three years (MMTPA)			
Year	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Total (MMTPA)	133	151	162

**MMTPA = Million Metric Tonnes per Annum*

(b) The Government has constructed exclusive coastal berths at VOCPA (2017), ChPA (2019), JNPA (2021) and MbPA (2024-25). Mechanization of coastal berths has been undertaken at Paradip and Haldia ports.

(c) As per Maritime AmritKaal Vision 2047, Government plans to increase the coastal cargo volumes transported in the country to 1300 MTPA.
