

power, inventory management, overtime, medical expenses, incentives, manpower rationalisation, implementation of electronic data interchange, etc. are targeted in an attempt to improve performance.

(c) It is possible to specifically quantify the impact of all the measures on total business of the Ports. However, most of the ports are reporting improvement in operating surplus in the current financial year. Efficiency parameters like pre-berthing detention, average turn around time and output per ship berth day at Major Ports have improved during the last three years as under:—

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Average pre-berthing Time (days)	0.90	0.50	0.50
Average Turn around Time (days)	5.10	4.10	3.70
Output per ship Berth day (tonnes)	5871	6701	6972

#### **Foreign Exchange earnings by major ports in the country**

109. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether major ports of the country are earning foreign exchange through their operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, year-wise and port-wise; and

(c) the strategy being adopted by the ports to increase their foreign exchange earnings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI Su. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.