

## Modernisation of Visakhapatnam Port

Various steps have been taken to modernize and overhaul Major Ports. The details of amount spent during the last two years to modernise and overhaul Visakhapatnam Port and measures taken to improve ship change-over time and mechanisation of berths & installation of state-of-the-art equipments are as follows :

S.No	Project	Cost (Rs. in Crore)
1.	Deepening of outer harbour to 18.1 meter draft to facilitate handling of Cape Size vessels.	140.00
2.	Deepening of inner harbour to 14.5 meter draft to cater to fully laden Panamax vessels.	328.00
3.	Deepening of Northern Arm inner harbour to cater 14.5 meter draft vessels.	42.00
4.	Development of Vizag General Cargo Berth (VGCB) with integrated mechanical coal handling facility at outer harbour on DBFOT basis with a capacity of 10.18 MTPA ( the only coal terminal among major ports that can handle Super Cape size vessels)	444.10
5.	Development of Vizag Coal Terminal ( EQ-1) in inner harbour with integrated mechanical steam coal handling facility on DBFOT basis with a capacity of 6.41 MTPA	323.18
6.	Development of WQ-6 berth in inner harbour on DBFOT basis with a capacity of 2.08 MTPA for handling dry / break bulk cargoes with semi-mechanized facility	114.50
7.	Development of EQ-10 berth in inner harbour on DBFOT basis with a capacity of 1.84 MTPA for handling liquid cargoes	55.38
8.	Development of two berth in inner harbour for handling coastal cargo as Green Channel Berths with a capacity of 1.66 MTPA	45.30
Total:		1492.46

The year wise detail of the traffic handled by the Visakhapatnam port during the last three years is as follows

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cargo throughput (in million tonnes)</b>
2014-15	58.00
2015-16	57.03
2016-17 (up to October 2016)	35.93  (As against 32.97 MT handled during corresponding period of previous year registering an incremental cargo of nearly 3 MT at a growth rate of 9%)

Visakhapatnam Port has taken up number of initiatives for capacity addition and modernisation projects over the year to improve the tonnage handling capacity. The details of ongoing project are as follows

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost (Rs. in Crore)</b>
1.	Development of EQ-1A berth in inner harbour with integrated mechanical coal handling facility(thermal/ steam coal) on DBFOT basis with a capacity of 7.36 MTPA	313.39
2.	Up- gradation of existing facility and creation of new facility for iron ore through integrated mechanized handling on DBFOT basis with a capacity of 23.0 MTPA	845.41
3.	Extension of existing container terminal at Outer harbour on DBFOT basis with a capacity of 0.54 MTEUs	633.11
4.	Development of West Quay North (WQ-7 & WQ-8) in inner harbour with a capacity of 6.39 MTPA through internal resources	243.23
5.	Development of multipurpose terminal by replacing EQ-2 to EQ-5 berths in inner harbour with a capacity of 6.0 MTPA through internal resources.	181.73

This information was given by the Minister of State for Shipping, Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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