

# Cargo Handling Capacity of Major Ports Increased by Over 650 MMT

## Shri Mandaviya Praises Efforts under Sagarmala Programme

Union Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Chemical & Fertilizers Shri Mansukh L Mandaviya has praised the efforts under Sagarmala programme saying, the port-led development has resulted in all-round betterment on this sector. The Minister said in a statement today that the Cargo handling capacity of major ports has been enhanced by over 400 MTAs in the last four years.

Government's flagship Programme Sagarmala to promote Port-Led Development in the country has four major components: Port Modernization, Port Led Industrialization, Port Connectivity Enhancement, and Coastal Community Development. National Perspective Plan (NPP) 2015-2035 for Sagarmala was released in 2016. Under Port Modernisation component of Sagarmala Programme, major achievements in the port sector are as under:

- Addition in cargo handling capacity of Major Ports:

2013-14	-	800.52 MTPA
2017-18	-	1451.19 MTPA
Increase in capacity	-	650.67 MMT

- Total traffic handled by Major Ports:

2013-14	-	555.49 MT
2017-18	-	679.47 MT
Increase in traffic	-	123.98 MT

- Reduction in Average Turn Around Time (TAT):

2013-14	-	93.60 Hrs.
2017-18	-	65.00 Hrs.
Saving in time	-	28.60 Hrs.

- Increase in Average Ship Berthday Output:

2013-14	-	12468 Tonnes.
2017-18	-	15451 Tonnes.
Increase in output	-	2983 Tonnes.

- RFID based Gate-automation System implemented in all Major Ports. This has reduced congestion at port's gate and enable faster evacuation of cargo thus reducing average turn-around time.

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