

CARGO HANDLED AT MAJOR PORTS DURING AND UP TO AUGUST, 2019

Total Cargo traffic at India's Major Ports

Maritime transport activity is driven by developments in world economy, viz, growth in world output and trade. Thus, volume of seaborne cargo traffic handled by ports is mainly shaped by the levels and changes in both the global and domestic activity. Cargo traffic at India's 12 major ports during **April-August, 2019-20, increased by 1.9% to 293.6 million tonnes** from 288.3 million tonnes cargo handled during April-August, 2018-19.

The overseas cargo handled at Major Ports increased by **1.7%** from 217.9 million tonnes during April-August, 2018-19 to 221.7 Million tonnes handled during April-August, 2019-20. However, the Coastal Cargo handled at Major port increased by **2.2%** from 70.4 million tonnes during April-August, 2018-19 to 72.0 million tonnes handled during April-August, 2019-20.

Port-wise Cargo traffic handled during August, 2019

- Cargo handled at India's major ports during August, 2019 is 57.5 million tonnes showing an increase of 1.1% in the corresponding period of the previous year. The coastal cargo handled at Major Ports during August, 2019 decreased by 2.6% from 13.5 million tonnes in August, 2018 to 13.2 million tonnes during August, 2019. The overseas cargo handled at Major Ports increased by 2.3% to 44.4 million tonnes in August, 2019 as compared to 43.4 million tonnes during August, 2018.
- During **August, 2019**; V.O. Chidambaranar Port recorded the highest growth of traffic handled i.e. 30.9% followed by Mumbai Port (11.1%), Haldia Dock Complex (8.0%), Cochin (6.5%), Deendayal Port (3.6%) and New Mangalore Port (2.6%). **The major ports which recorded negative growth in August, 2019** are Mormugao Port (42.2%), Kolkata Dock (14.8%), Kamarajar Port (6.5%), Chennai Port (2.9%), Paradip Port (2.6%), Vishakhapatnam Port (2.3%) and JNPT (0.9%).
- Amongst the 12 major ports, Deendayal Port handled the maximum cargo traffic of 10.5 million tonnes with a share of 18.2% in the total cargo handled at Major Ports followed by Paradip Port (15.4%), JNPT (9.9%), Vishakhapatnam Port (9.2%), Mumbai Port (9.1%), Chennai Port (7.4%), Haldia Dock Complex (6.7%), Chidambaranar Port (6.0%), New Mangalore Port (5.1%), Cochin Port (4.8%), Kamarajar Port (4.3%), Kolkata Dock System (2.5%) and Mormugao Port (1.4%).
- At a broad commodity level, **Food grain excluding Pulses achieved highest growth of 183.6%** in August, 2019 followed by Sugar (99.5%), Fertilizers (67.4%), Iron ore (59.8%), Project Cargo (48.9%), Other ores (22.2%), Other coal (17.3%), LPG/LNG (11.8%), Container (7.7%), Iron

and Steel (6.4%), Edible Oil (2.5%), Cement (2.3%) and Coking Coal (0.9%). Pulses recorded highest negative growth of 42.4% in August, 2019 followed by Thermal Coal (27.8%), FRM-Liquid (25.7%), other commodities (6.3%), POL-Crude (1.9%), POL-Products (1.1%) and FRM-Dry (0.8%).

- At a broad commodity level, POL-crude handled the maximum cargo traffic of **12.88 Million tonnes** in August, 2019 with a share of 22.4% followed by Container (22.0%), POL products (10.0%), Other commodities (9.5%), Thermal Coal (9.0%), Iron ore (7.1%), Coking coal (6.3%), Other coal (2.8%), Edible Oil (2.1%), LPG/LNG (1.9%), Iron & Steel (1.7%), Fertilizer (1.5%), FRM-Dry (0.8%), FRM-Liquid (0.7%), Other Ores (0.7%), Cement (0.5%) and Sugar (0.4%).

Cargo traffic handled during April-August, 2019-20

- During April-August, 2019-20, Haldia Dock Complex recorded highest growth in traffic handled at 10.5% followed by Cochin Port (9.0%), Vishakhapatnam Port (7.6%), V.O.C Port (7.3%), Deendayal Port (5.3%), Paradip Port (4.9%), Mumbai Port (2.9%) and JNPT (0.4%). Major ports that recorded negative growth in traffic during April-August, 2019-20 were: Mormugao Port (21.2%) followed by New Mangalore Port (12.4%), Chennai Port (7.1%), Kamarajar Port (5.8%) and Kolkata Dock System (1.3%) over April-August, 2018-19 (**Table A**).
- Amongst the Major Ports, Deendayal Port handled the maximum Cargo of 51.49 million tonnes with a share of 17.5% followed by Paradip Port (16.0%), JNPT (9.9%), Vishakhapatnam Port (9.9%), Mumbai Port (8.5%), Chennai Port (7.1%), Haldia Dock Complex (6.7%), Chidambaranar Port (5.2%), New Mangalore Port (5.1%), Cochin Port (4.9%), Kamarajar Port (4.5%), Kolkata Dock System (2.6%) and Mormugao Port (2.2%) during April-August, 2019-20 (**Graph- I below**).

