

CARGO TRAFFIC HANDLED AT MAJOR PORTS DURING AND UP TO DECEMBER, 2023

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-December, 2023-24, increased by 5.0% to 604.76 million tonnes** from 576.11 million tonnes cargo handled during April-December, 2022-23.

The Overseas cargo handled at Major Ports increased by 5.5% from 443.87 million tonnes during April- December, 2022-23 to 468.12 Million tonnes handled during April- December, 2023-24. The Coastal Cargo handled at Major port also increased by 3.3% from 132.24 million tonnes during April- December, 2022-23 to 136.64 million tonnes handled during April-December, 2023-24.

Port-wise Cargo traffic handled during December, 2023

Cargo handled at India's major ports during December, 2023 is 69.90 million tonnes showing a increase of 0.7% as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. The coastal cargo handled at Major Ports during December, 2023 decreased by 7.8% from 16.40 million tonnes in December, 2022 to 15.12 million tonnes during December, 2023. The overseas cargo handled at Major Ports increased by 3.3% from 53.05 million tonnes in December, 2022 to 54.78 million tonnes during December, 2023.

- During December, 2023; Mormugao Port recorded the highest growth of traffic handled i.e. 21.8% followed by SMP Haldia Dock Complex (13.5%), NMPA (12.9%), VOC Port (3.0%), SMP Kolkata Dock System (1.2%), Paradip Port (0.03%), . Major Ports that recorded negative growth are Chennai Port (6.8%), Cochin Port (6.2%), Kamarajar Port (3.7%), Vizag Port (2.3), Deendayal Port (1.9%), JNPA (1.9%) and Mumbai Port (0.5%).
- Amongst the 12 major ports, Paradip Port handled the maximum cargo traffic of 12.60 million tonnes with a share of 18.0% in the total cargo handled at Major Ports followed by Deendayal Port (15.6%), JNPA (10.7%), Vizag Port (9.2%), Mumbai Port (8.3%), SMP Haldia Dock Complex (7.4%), NMPA (6.5%), Chennai Port (5.4%), Kamarajar Port (4.9%), Cochin Port (4.5%), VOC Port (4.4%), Mormugao Port (2.9%) and SMP Kolkata Dock System (2.2%).
- At a broad commodity level, Other Ores achieved highest growth of 79.5% in December, 2023 followed by Pulses (75.1%), Iron & Steel (42.0%), Project Cargo (34.6%), Other Coal (31.5%), Iron-ore/Pellets (25.1%), POL Products (11.8%), LPG or LNG (5.8%),

FRM-Dry (1.7%), Thermal Coal (1.0%), Containers (0.7%). Food Grains excluding Pulses recorded highest negative growth of 94.7% in December, 2023 followed by Fertilizer (48.0%), Cement (30.3%), Coking Coal (20.4%), Edible Oil (19.4%), FRM-Liquid (15.4%), Other Commodities (8.7%), Sugar (5.8%) and POL-Crude (5.5%).

- At a broad commodity level, Containers handled the maximum cargo traffic of 14.9 Million tonnes in December, 2023 with a share of 21.3% followed by POL-Crude (20.1%), Thermal Coal (12.5%), Other commodities (9.0%), Iron-ore/Pellets(8.5%), POL-Products(7.8%), Other coal (7.1%), Coking coal (4.3%), LPG/LNG (2.0%), Iron & Steel (1.5%), Edible Oil (1.3%), FRM-Dry (1.1%), Other ores (1.0%), FRM-Liquid (0.8%), Fertilizer (0.7%), Sugar (0.4%), Cement (0.4%), Project Cargo (0.1%) , Pulses (0.04%) and Food grains excluding Pulses (0.02%).

Cargo traffic handled during April- December, 2023-24

- During April- December, 2023-24, Mormugao Port recorded highest growth of 17.7% in traffic handled at Major Ports followed by NMPA (10.7%), SMP Kolkata (9.8%), VOC Port (9.3%), Paradip Port (9.0%), Vizag Port (8.9%), Cochin Port (6.4%), Mumbai Port (6.2%), Chennai Port (5.7%), SMP Haldia Dock (4.5%), JNPA (4.4%) and Kamarajar Port (2.6%). Major Port that recorded negative growth in traffic is Deendayal Port (5.6 %) during April-December, 2023-24 over April- December, 2022-23 (Table A).
- Amongst the Major Ports, Paradip Port handled the maximum Cargo of 105.52 million tonnes with a share of 17.4% followed by Deendayal Port (16.3%), JNPA (10.6%), Vizag Port (9.9%), Mumbai Port (8.3%), Chennai Port (6.3%), SMP Haldia Dock (6.1%), Kamarajar Port (5.5%), NMPA (5.5%), VOC Port (5.0%), Cochin Port (4.4%), Mormugao Port (2.4%), and SMP Kolkata (2.1%) during April- December, 2023-24 (Graph- I below).

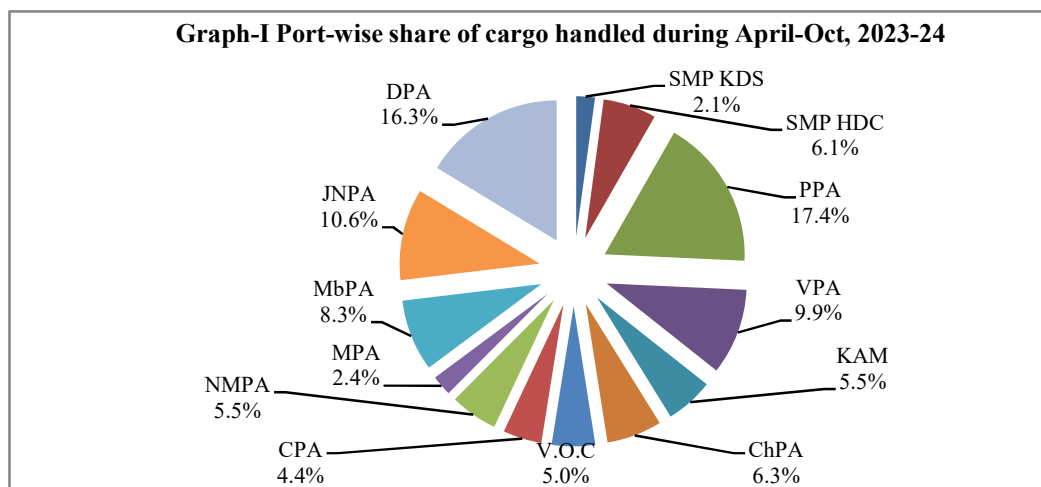


TABLE-A :PORT-WISE MONTHLY CARGO TRAFFIC HANDLED												
S. No	Name of Ports		(In '000 Tonnes)									
			December,2022(P)		December,2023(P)		April-December, 2022-23 (P)		April-December, 2023-24 (P)		% Change {(Col.10/Col.8-1) *100}	
			Cargo handled	% share	Cargo handled	% share	Cargo handled	% share	Cargo handled	% share		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	
1	SMP Kolkata	Overseas	5742	10.8	6409	11.7	42903	9.7	46973	10.0	9.5	
		Coastal	389	2.4	358	2.4	4387	3.3	3062	2.2	-30.2	
		Total	6130	8.8	6767	9.7	47290	8.2	50035	8.3	5.8	
	KDS	Overseas	1510	2.8	1516	2.8	11519	2.6	12647	2.7	9.8	
		Coastal	38	0.2	50	0.3	309	0.2	340	0.2	9.9	
		Total	1547	2.2	1566	2.2	11829	2.1	12988	2.1	9.8	
	HDC	Overseas	4232	8.0	4894	8.9	31384	7.1	34326	7.3	9.4	
		Coastal	351	2.1	307	2.0	4077	3.1	2722	2.0	-33.2	
		Total	4583	6.6	5201	7.4	35462	6.2	37048	6.1	4.5	
2	Paradip	Overseas	7315	13.8	7905	14.4	54723	12.3	62424	13.3	14.1	
		Coastal	5284	32.2	4699	31.1	42089	31.8	43099	31.5	2.4	
		Total	12599	18.1	12603	18.0	96812	16.8	105523	17.4	9.0	
3	Visakhapatnam	Overseas	5101	9.6	5173	9.4	41190	9.3	47419	10.1	15.1	
		Coastal	1474	9.0	1247	8.2	13938	10.5	12606	9.2	-9.6	
		Total	6575	9.5	6420	9.2	55128	9.6	60026	9.9	8.9	
4	Kamarajar	Overseas	1820	3.4	1978	3.6	19783	4.5	21037	4.5	6.3	
		Coastal	1703	10.4	1413	9.3	12817	9.7	12408	9.1	-3.2	
		Total	3523	5.1	3391	4.9	32600	5.7	33445	5.5	2.6	
5	Chennai	Overseas	3578	6.7	3403	6.2	31857	7.2	34457	7.4	8.2	
		Coastal	452	2.8	352	2.3	4441	3.4	3926	2.9	-11.6	
		Total	4030	5.8	3755	5.4	36298	6.3	38383	6.3	5.7	
6	V.O.C.	Overseas	1755	3.3	2053	3.7	18891	4.3	21043	4.5	11.4	
		Coastal	1257	7.7	1048	6.9	8823	6.7	9260	6.8	4.9	
		Total	3012	4.3	3101	4.4	27714	4.8	30303	5.0	9.3	
7	Cochin	Overseas	2241	4.2	2055	3.8	17173	3.9	17421	3.7	1.4	
		Coastal	1083	6.6	1064	7.0	8102	6.1	9479	6.9	17.0	
		Total	3324	4.8	3119	4.5	25275	4.4	26900	4.4	6.4	
8	New Mangalore	Overseas	3059	5.8	3459	6.3	23336	5.3	24866	5.3	6.6	
		Coastal	972	5.9	1094	7.2	6595	5.0	8260	6.0	25.2	
		Total	4031	5.8	4553	6.5	29931	5.2	33126	5.5	10.7	
9	Mormugao	Overseas	1572	3.0	1727	3.2	11245	2.5	11742	2.5	4.4	
		Coastal	94	0.6	300	2.0	940	0.7	2596	1.9	176.1	
		Total	1665	2.4	2028	2.9	12186	2.1	14338	2.4	17.7	
10	Mumbai	Overseas	3829	7.2	3827	7.0	30230	6.8	32583	7.0	7.8	
		Coastal	1991	12.1	1965	13.0	17000	12.9	17561	12.9	3.3	
		Total	5820	8.4	5792	8.3	47230	8.2	50143	8.3	6.2	
11	JNPA	Overseas	7183	13.5	6980	12.7	57802	13.0	60347	12.9	4.4	
		Coastal	443	2.7	498	3.3	3402	2.6	3563	2.6	4.8	
		Total	7626	11.0	7478	10.7	61204	10.6	63910	10.6	4.4	
12	Deendayal	Overseas	9852	18.6	9810	17.9	94738	21.3	87811	18.8	-7.3	
		Coastal	1254	7.7	1080	7.1	9703	7.3	10815	7.9	11.5	
		Total	11106	16.0	10891	15.6	104441	18.1	98626	16.3	-5.6	
Total	Total	Overseas	53046	76.4	54780	78.4	443872	77.0	468123	77.4	5.5	
		Coastal	16396	23.6	15119	21.6	132237	23.0	136636	22.6	3.3	
		Total	69442	100.0	69899	100.0	576108	100.0	604759	100.0	5.0	

Source: - Port Data Management Portal (PDMP), Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways P-Provisional

- At a broad commodity level, Iron Ore pellets/fine recorded the highest growth in traffic during April- December, 2023-24 at 42.5% followed by Pulses (42.32%), Iron & Steel (22.3%), Other Ores (15.4%), FRM-Dry (9.7%), Other Coal (9.0%), Fertilizer (8.3%), Container (7.9%), POL-Products (7.1%), POL-Crude (4.3%), Project cargo (2.4%), Thermal Coal (2.4%) and LPG/LNG (0.7%). Foodgrain excluding Pulses recorded the highest negative growth of 82.0% followed by Cement 18.3%, Sugar 9.5%, Coking Coal 6.7%, Other Commodities 6.0%, FRM-Liquid (4.1%) and Edible Oil 0.1% over April-December, 2022-23 (Table B).
- Amongst all the commodities, Container handled the maximum cargo of 135.71 million tonnes with a share of 22.4% followed by POL-Crude (20.6%), Thermal coal (13.6%), Others commodities (8.8%), POL Products (7.5%), Iron ore/Pellets (7.0%), Other coal (5.6%), Coking coal (4.5%), LPG/LNG (2.0%), Edible oil (1.5%), Iron & Steel (1.3%), FRM Dry (1.1%), Fertilizer (1.1%), Other Ores (1.1%), FRM liquid (0.8%), Cement (0.3%) Sugar (0.3%), Food grains excluding Pulses (0.2%), Project Cargo (0.1%) and Pulses (0.1%) during April- December, 2023-24.

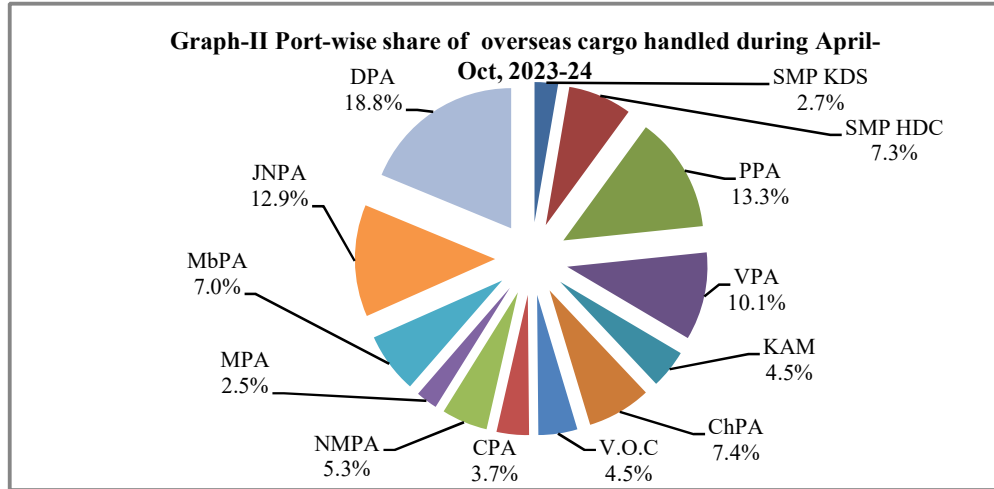
Table-B: COMMODITY-WISE GROWTH OF CARGO TRAFFIC										
									(In '000' Tonnes)	
Commodities	December,2022(P)		December,2023(P)		April-Dec 2022-23 (P)		April-Dec,2023-24(P)		% Change {{Col.8/Col.6-1}* 100}	
	Cargo handled	% share	Cargo handled	% share	Cargo handled	% share	Cargo handled	% share		
POL Crude	14841	21.4	14020	20.1	119308	20.7	124447	20.6	4.3	
POL Products	4877	7.0	5454	7.8	42620	7.4	45659	7.5	7.1	
LPG or LNG	1340	1.9	1418	2.0	11947	2.1	12028	2.0	0.7	
Edible Oil	1164	1.7	938	1.3	8989	1.6	8983	1.5	-0.1	
FRM-Liquid	641	0.9	542	0.8	5001	0.9	4795	0.8	-4.1	
Iron Ore Pellets/ Fine	4751	6.8	5946	8.5	29901	5.2	42616	7.0	42.5	
Other Ores	377	0.5	677	1.0	5591	1.0	6452	1.1	15.4	
Thermal Coal	8652	12.5	8741	12.5	80626	14.0	82523	13.6	2.4	
Coking Coal	3751	5.4	2987	4.3	29305	5.1	27330	4.5	-6.7	
Other Coal	3761	5.4	4944	7.1	30922	5.4	33713	5.6	9.0	
Fertilizer	985	1.4	513	0.7	6044	1.0	6544	1.1	8.3	
FRM-Dry	749	1.1	761	1.1	6252	1.1	6861	1.1	9.7	
Food Grains excluding Pulses	327	0.5	17	0.0	5242	0.9	945	0.2	-82.0	
Pulses	17	0.0	29	0.0	411	0.1	585	0.1	42.3	
Sugar	305	0.4	287	0.4	2196	0.4	1988	0.3	-9.5	
Cement	373	0.5	260	0.4	2547	0.4	2082	0.3	-18.3	
Iron and Steel	748	1.1	1062	1.5	6444	1.1	7879	1.3	22.3	
Project Cargo	66	0.1	89	0.1	604	0.1	619	0.1	2.4	
Container	Tonnes	14795	21.3	14897	21.3	125752	21.8	135711	22.4	7.9
	TEUs (in 000 nos.)	961	-	1032	-	8446	-	9176	-	8.6
Others	6922	10.0	6316	9.0	56405	9.8	53002	8.8	-6.0	
Total	69442	100.0	69899	100.0	576108	100.0	604759	100.0	5.0	

Source: - Port Data Management Portal, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways

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Overseas and Coastal Cargo traffic handled during April- December, 2023-24

- Amongst the Major Ports, Deendayal Port handled the maximum Overseas Cargo of 87.81 million tonnes with a share of 18.8 % followed by Paradip Port (13.3%), JNPA (12.9%), Vizag Port (10.1%), Chennai Port (7.4%), SMP Haldia Dock (7.3%), Mumbai Port (7.0%), NMPA (5.3%), VOC Port (4.5%), Kamarajar Port (4.5%), Cochin Port (3.7%), SMP Kolkata Dock (2.7%) and Mormugao Port (2.5%) during April- December, 2023-24 (Graph II).



- Amongst the Major Ports, Paradip Port handled the maximum Coastal Cargo of 43.1 million tonnes with a share of 31.5% followed by Mumbai Port (12.9%), Vizag Port (9.2%), Kamarajar Port (9.1%), Deendayal Port (7.9%), Cochin Port (6.9%), VOC Port (6.8%), NMPA (6.0%), Chennai Port (2.9%), JNPA (2.6%), SMP Haldia Dock (2.0%), Mormugao Port (1.9%) and SMP Kolkata (0.2%) during April- December, 2023-24 (Graph-III).

