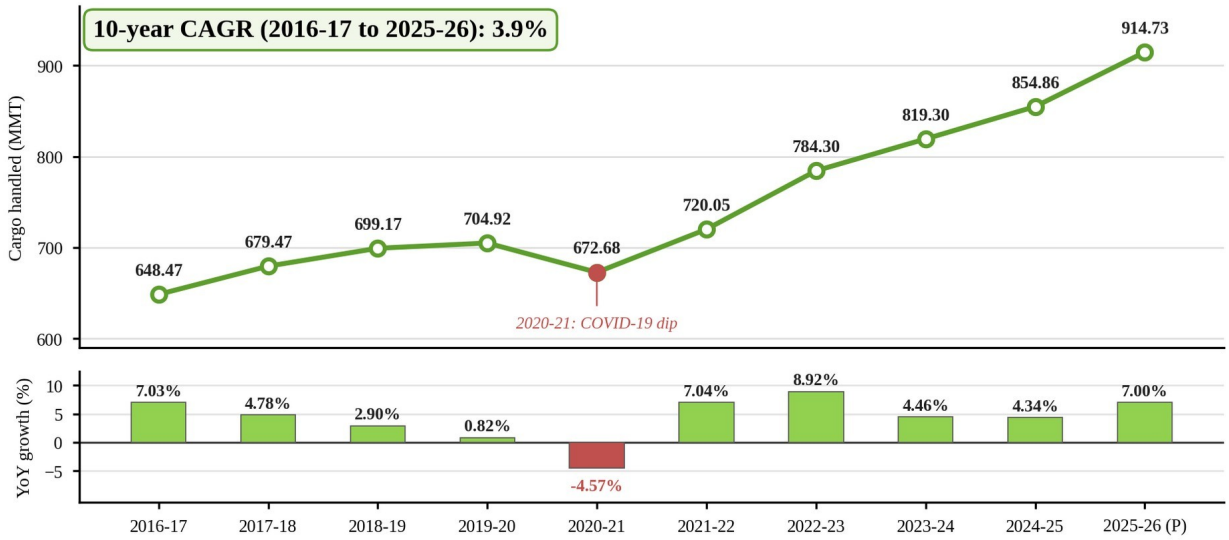
CARGO HANDLING STATUS FOR MAJOR PORTS DURING OCTOBER 2026

Cargo Traffic of Major Ports in India

Maritime transport activity is driven by the growth in output and trade worldwide. The volume of seaborne cargo handled by ports is comprised of the global (i.e. overseas cargo) and domestic (i.e. coastal cargo) activities. There are 12 Major Ports under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, which provide monthly information on Port Data Management Portal 2.0 (PDMP2.0) of the Ministry on cargo handled by them.

This publication provides data for October 2026 (Advance Estimates) compared with provisional estimates of October 2025. During April-October 2026-27 cargo handled at Major Ports increased by 10.24% compared to April-October 2025-26. During April-October 2026-27 total cargo handled had increased to 566.39 million tonnes (MMT) from 513.80 MMT handled during April-October 2025-26. The overall trend in the cargo handled at Major Ports during the past ten years is shown in Chart-I.

Chart I: Growth trend in Cargo handled by Major Ports during 2016-17 to 2025-26



Cargo handled by Major Ports during April-October 2026-27

Major Ports

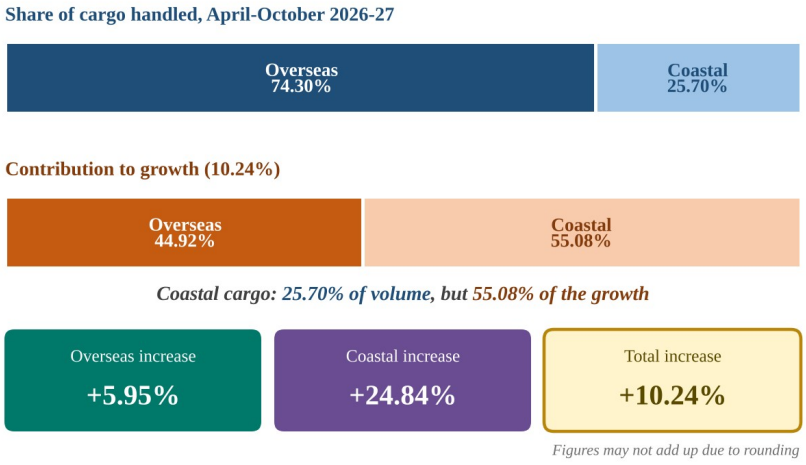
Performance during April-October 2026-27

- ➢ Total Cargo handled 566.39 MMT
  - Overseas cargo 420.80 MMT
  - Coastal cargo 145.59 MMT

Performance in April-October 2026-27 vis-a-vis April-October 2025-26

- ➢ Cargo handled increased by 52.59 MMT
  - Increase in Overseas cargo 23.62 MMT
  - Increase in Coastal cargo 28.96 MMT

Chart 1: Cargo handled by Major Ports during April-October 2026-27



Cargo handled by Major ports in October 2026

Major Ports

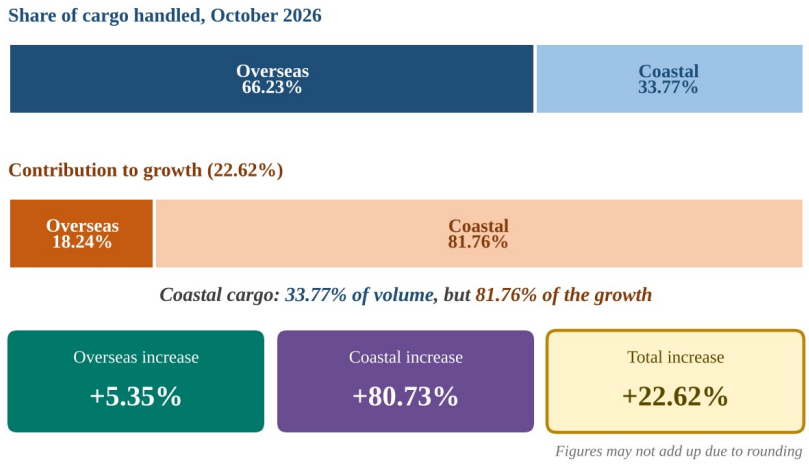
Performance during October 2026

➢ Total Cargo handled 93.64 MMT
- Overseas 62.02 MMT
- Coastal 31.63 MMT

Performance in October 2026 vis-à-vis October 2025

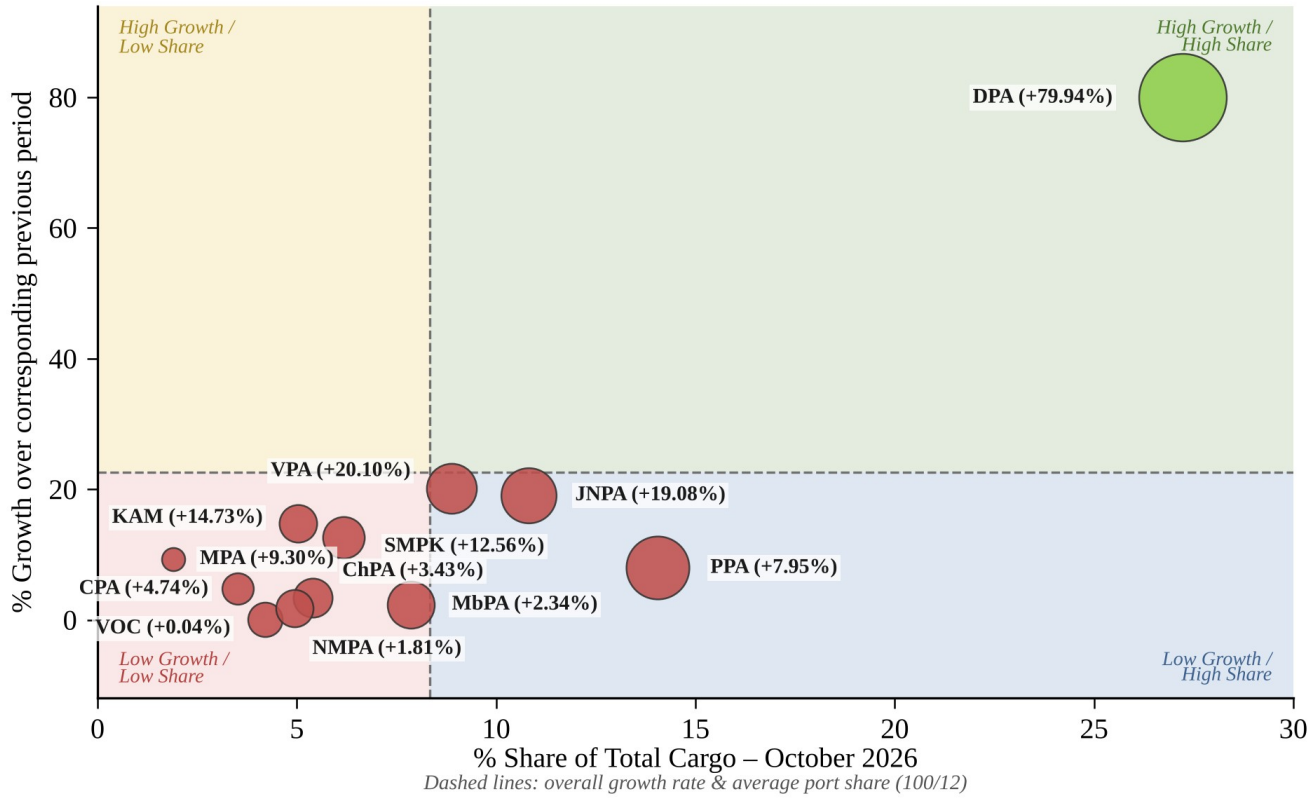
➢ Total Cargo handled increased by 17.28 MMT
- Increase in Overseas cargo 3.15 MMT
- Increase in Coastal cargo 14.13 MMT

Chart 2: Cargo handled by Major Ports in October 2026



Growth and Share of Cargo Handled by Major Ports in October 2026

Chart 3: Growth-Share Matrix of Major Ports – October 2026



Major Ports

Key Insights

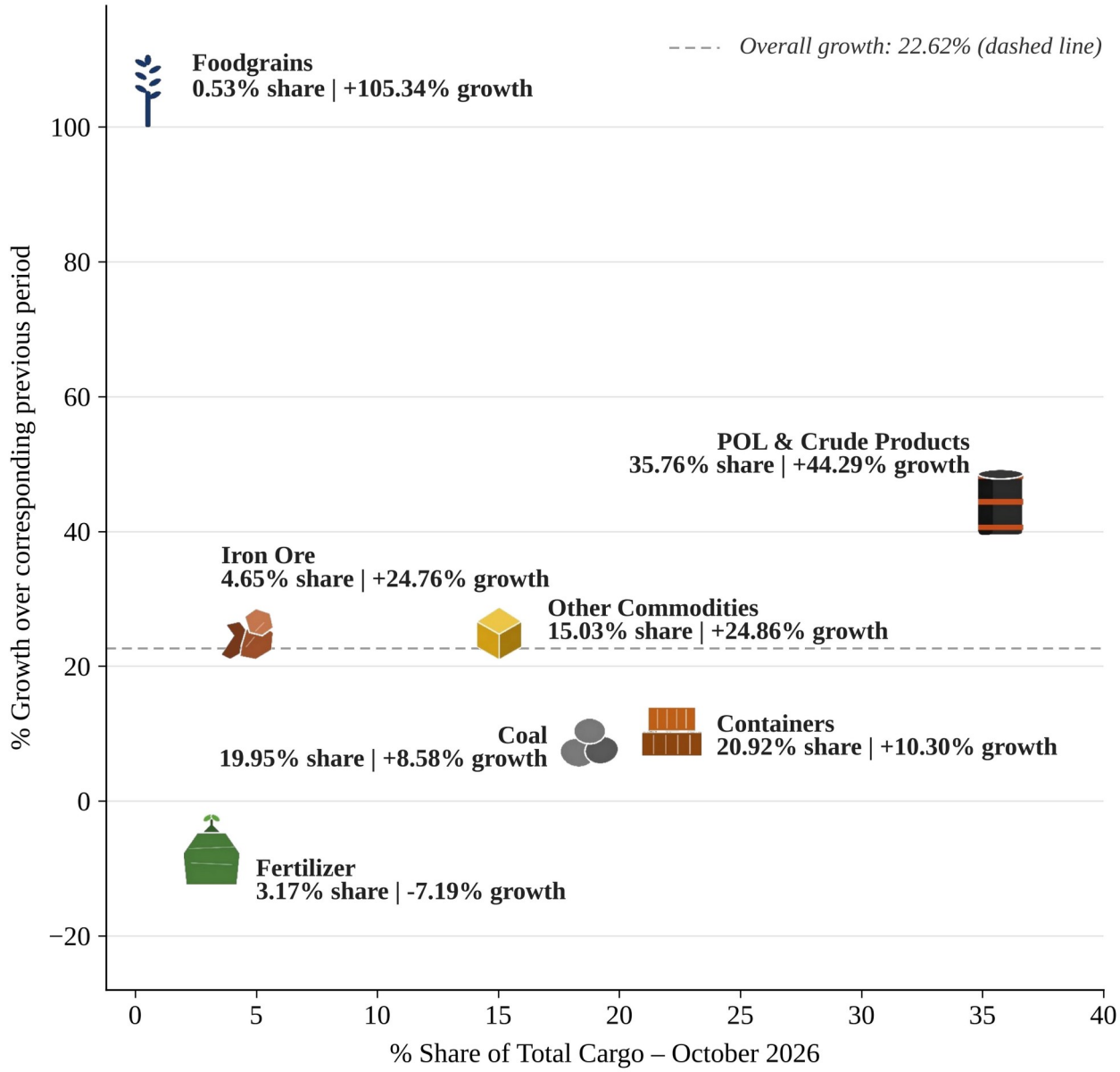
➢ Deendayal stands alone in the High Growth/High Share quadrant, with the highest cargo share (27.22%) and the highest growth (79.94%). Its additional 11.33 MMT accounts for about 66% of the system-wide increase of 17.28 MMT, driven mainly by coastal cargo (12.29 MMT, up from 2.03 MMT).

➢ No port falls in the High Growth/Low Share quadrant, as every other Major Port grew below the system average of 22.62%. Visakhapatnam (+20.10%) and Jawaharlal Nehru (+19.08%) came closest and, together with Paradip (+7.95%), hold large shares in the Low Growth/High Share quadrant.

➢ All twelve Major Ports handled more cargo than in October 2025. Kamarajar (+14.73%) and SMP Kolkata (+12.56%) led the smaller ports, while V.O.C (+0.04%) was nearly flat and New Mangalore (+1.81%), Mumbai (MbPA) (+2.34%) and Chennai (+3.43%) grew only modestly.

Commodity-wise Cargo handled in October 2026

Chart 4: Principal Commodity-wise Cargo handled – October 2026



Commodity-wise Cargo Handled

Key Insights

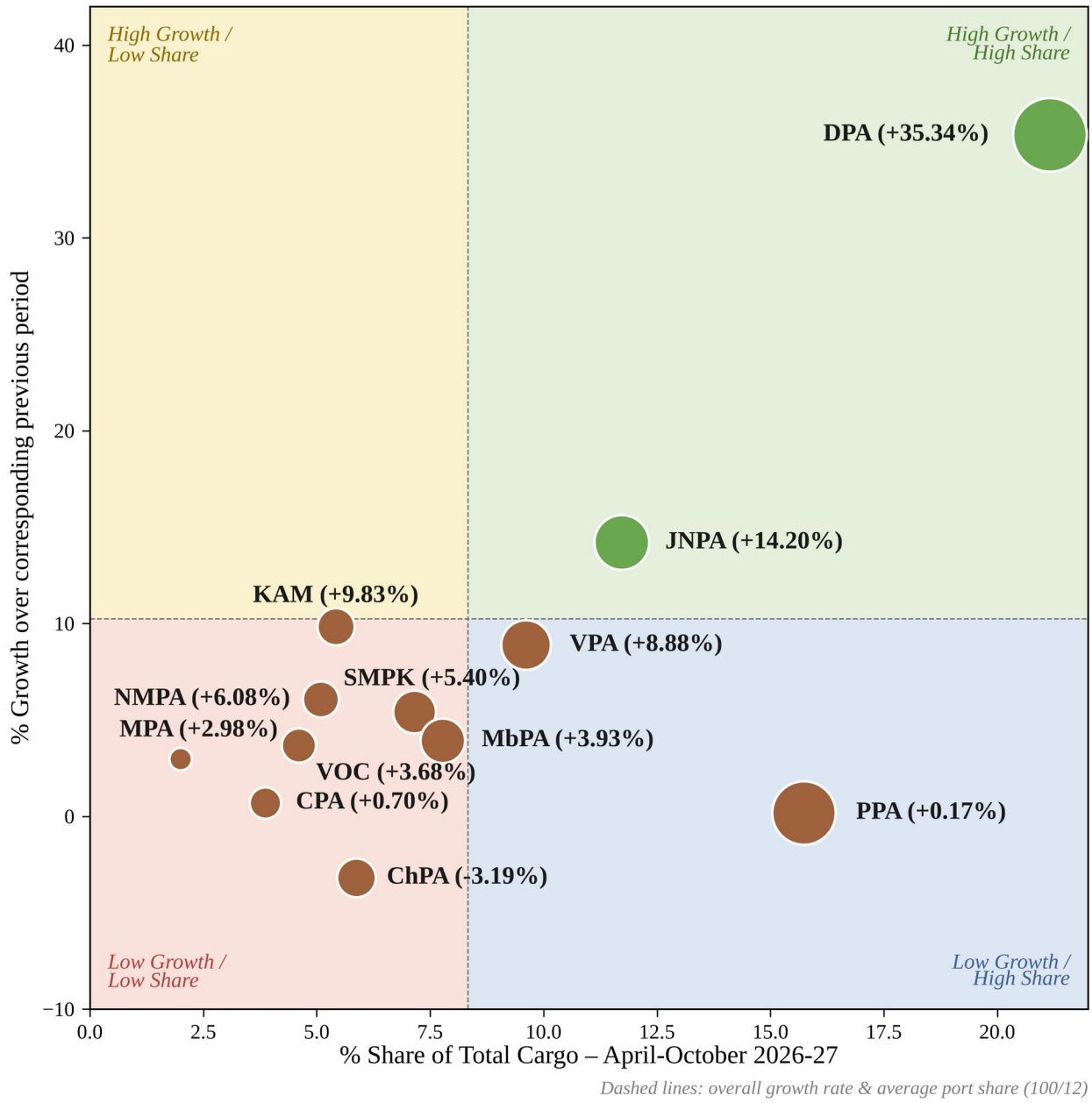
➢ POL & Crude Products, the largest commodity group at 35.76% share, grew 44.29%, nearly twice the overall 22.62% rate. POL Crude rose 54.53% to 23.74 MMT and POL Products 39.25% to 8.36 MMT, extending the recovery seen in September 2026.

➢ Foodgrains (+105.34%) more than doubled over October 2025, the sharpest growth of any group, though it made up only 0.53% of total cargo; Other Commodities (+24.86%) and Iron Ore (+24.76%) also grew slightly faster than average.

➢ Fertilizer (-7.19%) was the only commodity group to contract, while Containers (+10.30%) and Coal (+8.58%), which together account for about 41% of cargo handled, grew at less than half the overall rate.

Growth and Share of Cargo Handled by Major Ports during April-October 2026-27

Chart 5: Growth-Share Matrix of Major Ports – April-October 2026-27



Dashed lines: overall growth rate & average port share (100/12)

Major Port-wise Cargo handling

Key Insights

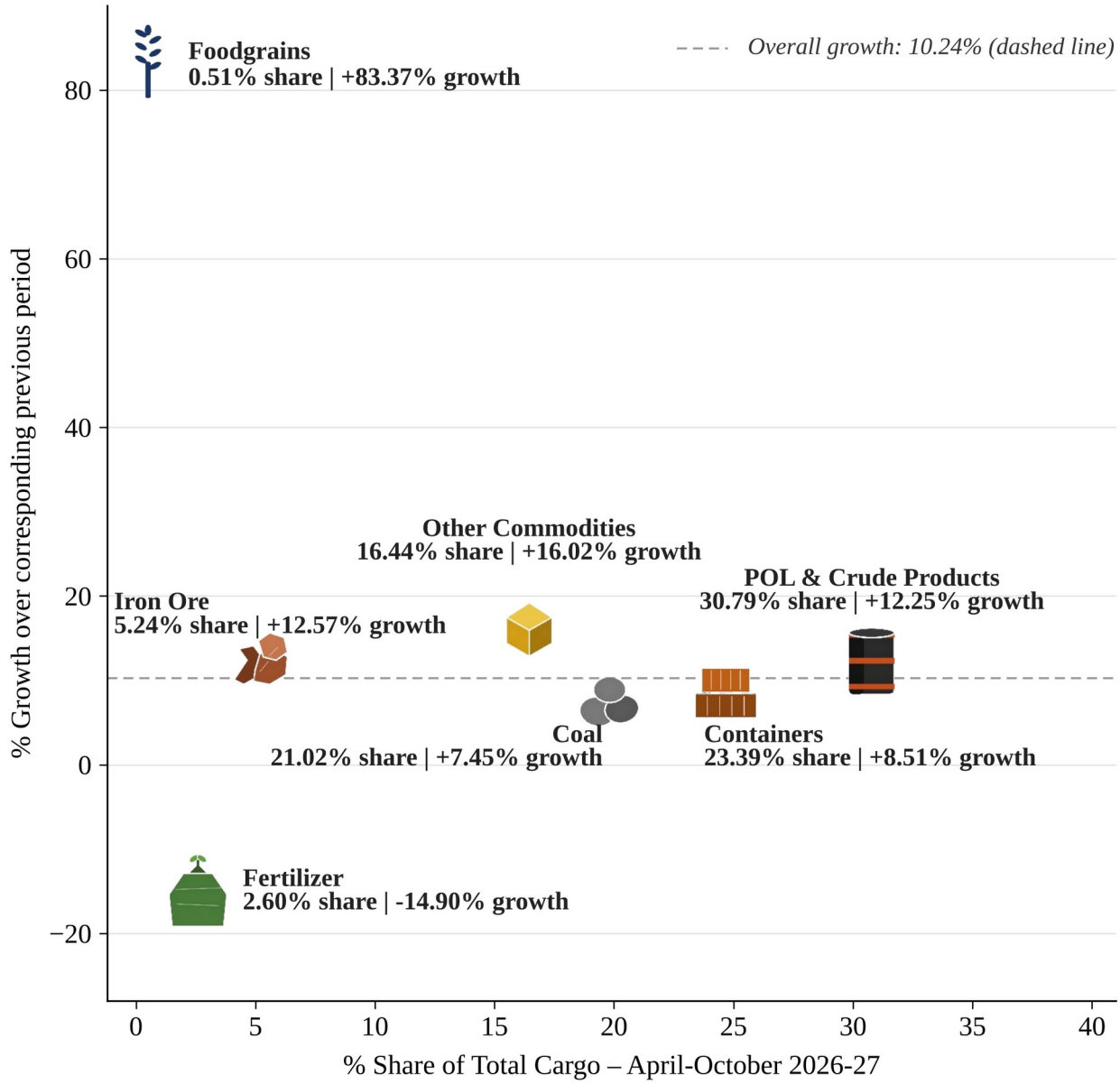
➢ Deendayal (+35.34%) and Jawaharlal Nehru (+14.20%) remain the only ports in the High Growth/High Share quadrant; together they added 39.54 MMT, about 75% of the total increase of 52.59 MMT over April-October 2025-26.

➢ Kamarajar (+9.83%) has slipped just below the 10.24% average, leaving the High Growth/Low Share quadrant empty, while Paradip (15.74% share) and Visakhapatnam (9.61% share) hold large shares with below-average growth (Low Growth/High Share).

➢ Chennai (-3.19%) is now the only port to record a decline over the period, with Paradip (+0.17%) back in marginally positive territory; Kamarajar, New Mangalore, SMP Kolkata, Mumbai (MbPA), V.O.C, Mormugao and Cochin recorded below-average growth and modest shares (Low Growth/Low Share).

Commodity-wise Cargo handled and its Growth during April-October 2026-27

Chart 6: Principal Commodity-wise Cargo handled – April-October 2026-27



Commodity-wise Cargo Handled

Key Insights

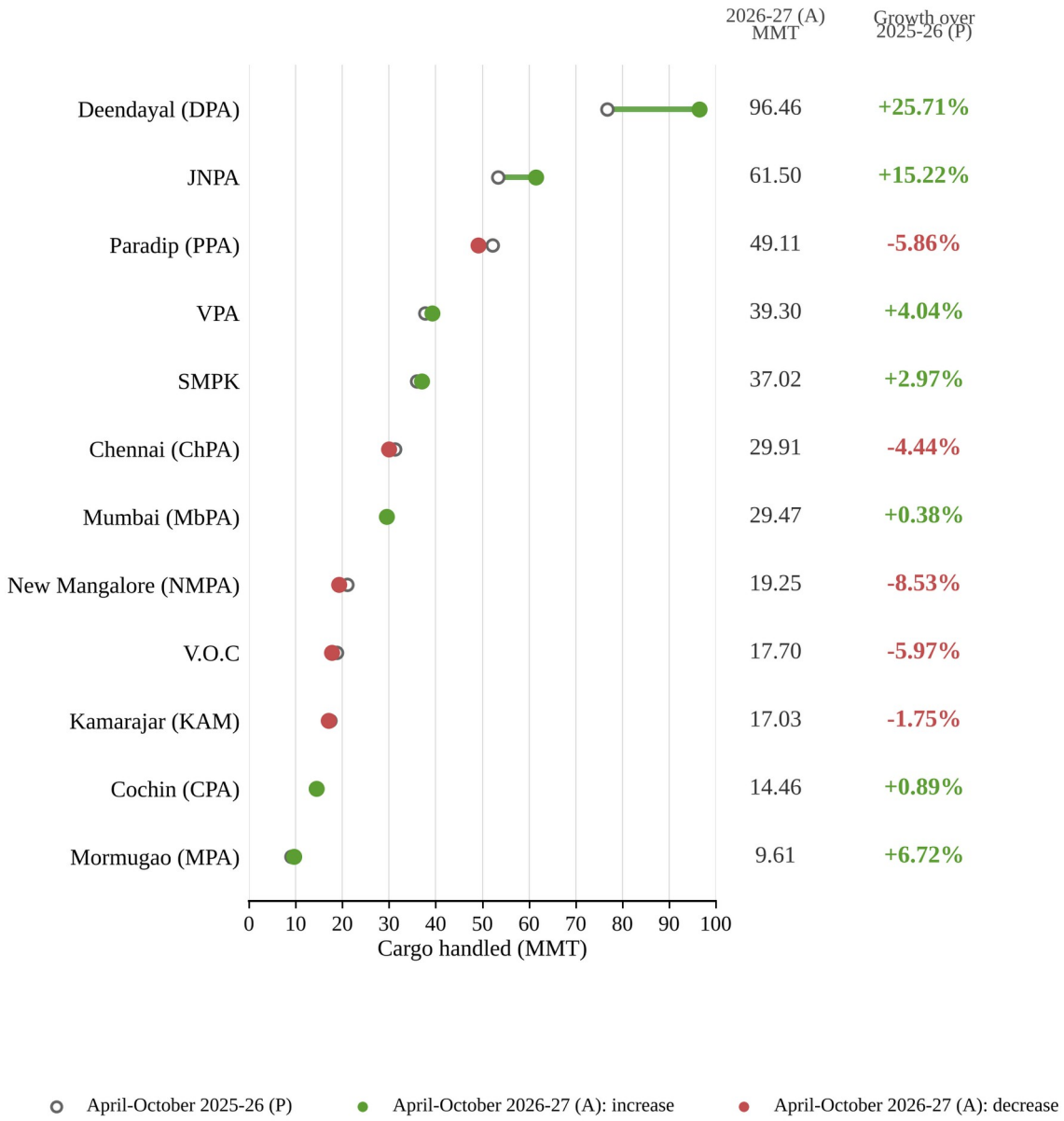
➢ Foodgrains grew 83.37% during April-October 2026-27, still by far the fastest-growing commodity, though it remains a marginal 0.51% of total cargo share.

➢ Fertilizer (-14.90%) was the only commodity group to decline over the period; every other commodity group posted positive growth.

➢ POL & Crude Products, the largest commodity at 30.79% share, grew 12.25%, moving ahead of the overall 10.24% pace on the back of a strong October. Other Commodities (+16.02%) and Iron Ore (+12.57%) also grew faster than average, while Containers (+8.51%) and Coal (+7.45%) grew below it.

Major Port-wise Overseas Cargo handling during April-October 2026-27

Chart 7: Major Port-wise Overseas Cargo handling
Growth during April-October 2026-27 over April-October 2025-26



Overseas Cargo handled by Major Ports

Key Insights

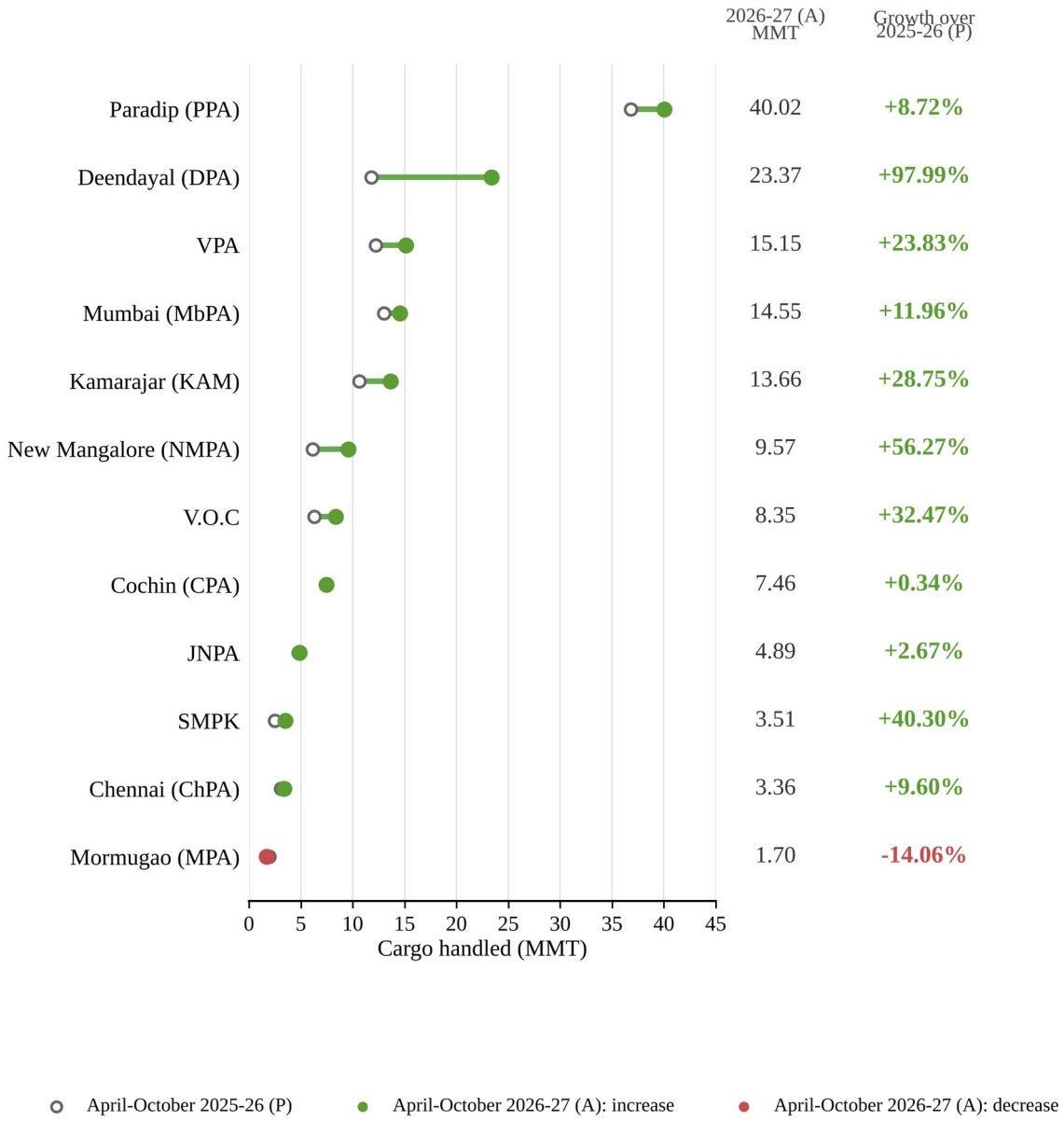
➢ Deendayal remained the largest overseas handler at 96.46 MMT and posted the fastest growth of all Major Ports (+25.71%), handling about 1.6 times the overseas cargo of the second-largest port, JNPA (61.50 MMT).

➢ Five of the twelve Major Ports (New Mangalore, V.O.C, Paradip, Chennai and Kamarajar) recorded a decline in overseas cargo, with New Mangalore seeing the steepest fall (-8.53%). Cochin (+0.89%) and Mumbai (MbPA) (+0.38%) stayed marginally positive.

➢ Mormugao posted the third-highest growth rate (+6.72%) despite handling the lowest overseas volume (9.61 MMT) among all Major Ports.

Major Port-wise Coastal Cargo handled during April-October 2026-27

Chart 8: Major Port-wise Coastal Cargo handling
Growth during April-October 2026-27 over April-October 2025-26



Coastal Cargo handled by Major Ports

Key Insights

➢ Paradip remained the dominant coastal port, handling 40.02 MMT, about 1.7 times the second-largest port, Deendayal (23.37 MMT), and grew 8.72% over April-October 2025-26.

➢ Deendayal nearly doubled its coastal cargo (+97.99%), moving up from fifth place in April-September after a sharp rise in October; New Mangalore (+56.27%), SMP Kolkata (+40.30%) and V.O.C (+32.47%) also grew strongly.

➢ Mormugao was the weakest performer and the only port to decline, with coastal cargo falling 14.06% to 1.70 MMT; Cochin (+0.34%) and JNPA (+2.67%) posted only marginal gains.

Monthly Cargo handled by Major Ports

Chart 9: Total Cargo handled by Major Ports, in MMT FY 2024-25, FY 2025-26 (P) and FY 2026-27 (A)

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
FY 2024-25	67.39	72.15	69.18	70.18	69.69	65.70	68.25	67.62	72.26	77.13	71.34	83.97
FY 2025-26 (P)	71.97	75.19	72.87	72.88	71.39	73.13	76.38	77.40	81.49	82.84	74.88	84.31
FY 2026-27 (A)	73.76	80.15	79.73	79.31	77.41	82.39	93.64					

Chart 10: Overseas Cargo handled by Major Ports, in MMT FY 2024-25, FY 2025-26 (P) and FY 2026-27 (A)

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
FY 2024-25	51.74	55.86	52.75	54.87	53.83	50.76	52.20	53.74	55.78	58.24	53.49	64.45
FY 2025-26 (P)	55.62	58.13	56.17	56.63	54.61	57.16	58.87	60.36	62.89	62.18	56.79	61.67
FY 2026-27 (A)	54.54	61.07	60.95	60.83	58.34	63.07	62.02					

Chart 11: Coastal Cargo handled by Major Ports, in MMT FY 2024-25, FY 2025-26 (P) and FY 2026-27 (A)

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
FY 2024-25	15.65	16.28	16.44	15.30	15.86	14.93	16.05	13.87	16.48	18.89	17.86	19.52
FY 2025-26 (P)	16.36	17.07	16.70	16.25	16.78	15.97	17.50	17.04	18.60	20.46	18.09	22.64
FY 2026-27 (A)	19.22	19.09	18.78	18.48	19.07	19.32	31.63					

Note 1: Monthly data in Chart 9, 10 and 11 for the year 2025-26 has been taken from Basic Port Statistics Of India 2025-26 and divided proportionately as per monthly data in Port Data Management Portal for the same period.

Note 2: Darker Shade shows larger Cargo Volume handled.

TABLE-1 : Major Port -wise Monthly Cargo handled

(in Tonnes)

S. No.	Name of Ports		October 2025 (P)	October 2026 (A)		Percentage Change in October 2026 over October 2025	April-October 2025-26 (P)	April-October 2026-27 (A)		Percentage Change in April-October 2026-27 over April-October 2025-26
			Cargo handled	Cargo handled	Percent share		Cargo handled	Cargo handled	Percent share	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
1	SMP Kolkata	Overseas	4793290	5340647	8.61	11.42	35948215	37017327	8.80	2.97
		Coastal	336815	433847	1.37	28.81	2501866	3510138	2.41	40.30
		Total	5130105	5774494	6.17	12.56	38450081	40527465	7.16	5.40
	KDS	Overseas	1267076	1423726	2.30	12.36	9968236	10533310	2.50	5.67
		Coastal	24973	33096	0.10	32.53	222825	241891	0.17	8.56
		Total	1292049	1456822	1.56	12.75	10191061	10775201	1.90	5.73
	HDC	Overseas	3526214	3916921	6.32	11.08	25979979	26484017	6.29	1.94
		Coastal	311842	400751	1.27	28.51	2279041	3268247	2.24	43.40
		Total	3838056	4317672	4.61	12.50	28259020	29752264	5.25	5.28
2	Paradip	Overseas	6816997	7346640	11.85	7.77	52165212	49108582	11.67	-5.86
		Coastal	5374565	5814450	18.39	8.18	36806400	40016480	27.49	8.72
		Total	12191562	13161090	14.05	7.95	88971612	89125062	15.74	0.17
3	Visakhapatnam	Overseas	5175033	6031264	9.73	16.55	37775752	39302778	9.34	4.04
		Coastal	1746502	2281269	7.21	30.62	12231731	15146748	10.40	23.83
		Total	6921535	8312533	8.88	20.10	50007483	54449526	9.61	8.88
4	Kamarajar	Overseas	2275850	2618904	4.22	15.07	17332878	17028877	4.05	-1.75
		Coastal	1824588	2085546	6.59	14.30	10611239	13661847	9.38	28.75
		Total	4100438	4704450	5.02	14.73	27944117	30690724	5.42	9.83
5	Chennai	Overseas	4544391	4579320	7.38	0.77	31296273	29906052	7.11	-4.44
		Coastal	350959	483940	1.53	37.89	3065646	3359803	2.31	9.60
		Total	4895350	5063260	5.41	3.43	34361919	33265855	5.87	-3.19
6	V.O.C.	Overseas	3014406	2743981	4.42	-8.97	18823240	17700126	4.21	-5.97
		Coastal	926832	1198667	3.79	29.33	6305845	8353127	5.74	32.47
		Total	3941238	3942648	4.21	0.04	25129085	26053253	4.60	3.68
7	Cochin	Overseas	1996409	2105624	3.40	5.47	14329422	14456960	3.44	0.89
		Coastal	1142936	1182645	3.74	3.47	7436763	7461968	5.13	0.34
		Total	3139345	3288269	3.51	4.74	21766185	21918928	3.87	0.70
8	New Mangalore	Overseas	3456864	3188767	5.14	-7.76	21040038	19245868	4.57	-8.53
		Coastal	1094246	1444783	4.57	32.03	6122709	9567880	6.57	56.27
		Total	4551110	4633550	4.95	1.81	27162747	28813748	5.09	6.08
9	Mormugao	Overseas	1526511	1383983	2.23	-9.34	9008223	9613926	2.28	6.72
		Coastal	105936	400325	1.27	277.89	1982157	1703540	1.17	-14.06
		Total	1632447	1784308	1.91	9.30	10990380	11317466	2.00	2.98
10	Mumbai	Overseas	5407499	4161150	6.71	-23.05	29354659	29465915	7.00	0.38
		Coastal	1788138	3202832	10.13	79.12	12993918	14548102	9.99	11.96
		Total	7195637	7363982	7.86	2.34	42348577	44014017	7.77	3.93
11	JNPA	Overseas	7721247	9315174	15.02	20.64	53374774	61500616	14.62	15.22
		Coastal	779388	807469	2.55	3.60	4758616	4885530	3.36	2.67
		Total	8500635	10122643	10.81	19.08	58133390	66386146	11.72	14.20
12	Deendayal	Overseas	12138010	13201720	21.29	8.76	76729899	96455696	22.92	25.71
		Coastal	2028384	12289977	38.86	505.90	11804196	23370613	16.05	97.99
		Total	14166394	25491697	27.22	79.94	88534095	119826309	21.16	35.34
Total		Overseas	**58866507**	**62017174**	**66.23**	**5.35**	**397178585**	**420802723**	**74.30**	**5.95**
		Coastal	**17499289**	**31625750**	**33.77**	**80.73**	**116621086**	**145585776**	**25.70**	**24.84**
		Total	**76365796**	**93642924**	**100.00**	**22.62**	**513799671**	**566388499**	**100.00**	**10.24**

P-Provisional A- Advanced Estimates

Source: - Major Ports

Table-2: Commodity-Wise Cargo handled by Major Ports

(in Tonnes)

Principal Commodities	Commodities		October 2025 (P)	October 2026 (A)		Percentage Change in October 2026 over October 2025	April-October 2025-26 (P)	April-October 2026-27 (A)		Percentage Change in April-October 2026-27 over April-October 2025-26
			Cargo handled	Cargo handled	% share		Cargo handled	Cargo handled	% share	
POL and Crude Products	POL Crude		15362234	23738999	25.35	54.53	102980831	118059510	20.84	14.64
	POL Products		6000124	8355401	8.92	39.25	41567200	47852028	8.45	15.12
	LPG or LNG		1844259	1391169	1.49	-24.57	10813723	8483467	1.50	-21.55
Coal	Thermal Coal		10967762	11724611	12.52	6.90	66532895	75137144	13.27	12.93
	Coking Coal		3718124	3470512	3.71	-6.66	23468897	25500240	4.50	8.66
	Other Coal		2519574	3487411	3.72	38.41	20783215	18404157	3.25	-11.45
Iron Ore	Iron Ore Pellets/ Fine		3487102	4350421	4.65	24.76	26383761	29699735	5.24	12.57
Fertilizer	FRM-Liquid		531477	430945	0.46	-18.92	3562082	2532224	0.45	-28.91
	Ferti-lizer		1738996	1543777	1.65	-11.23	7574169	7319654	1.29	-3.36
	FRM-Dry		925445	991388	1.06	7.13	6194595	4896363	0.86	-20.96
Foodgrains	Food Grains excluding Pulses		242982	498936	0.53	105.34	1576068	2890006	0.51	83.37
Other Commodities	Edible Oil		1033332	1460695	1.56	41.36	7893817	8249314	1.46	4.50
	Other Ores		703128	912835	0.97	29.82	4717461	6234994	1.10	32.17
	Pulses		84734	24438	0.03	-71.16	385124	362289	0.06	-5.93
	Sugar		212341	386142	0.41	81.85	1469886	1972137	0.35	34.17
	Cement		302502	261763	0.28	-13.47	1964424	1956329	0.35	-0.41
	Iron and Steel		1111463	865755	0.92	-22.11	6616724	6554555	1.16	-0.94
	Project Cargo		264115	183722	0.20	-30.44	977849	2092094	0.37	113.95
	Other Commodities		7557295	9975404	10.65	32.00	56240243	65701659	11.60	16.82
Container	Container	Tonnes	17758807	19588600	20.92	10.30	122096707	132490600	23.39	8.51
		TEUs	1256339	1468130	1.57	16.86	8553386	9639409	1.70	12.70
Total			**76365796**	**93642924**	**100.00**	**22.62**	**513799671**	**566388499**	**100.00**	**10.24**

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Source: - Major Ports

ABBREVATIONS USED

ChPA	Chennai Port Authority	SMP HDC	Shyama Prasad Mukerjee Port Haldia Dock Complex
CPA	Cochin Port Authority		
DPA	Deendayal Port Authority	SMP KDS	Shyama Prasad Mukerjee Port Kolkata Dock System
JNPA	Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Authority		
KAM	Kamrajar Port Authority	SMP Kolkata	Shyama Prasad Mukerjee Port Kolkata
VPA	Visakapatnam Port Authority		
MbPA	Mumbai Port Authority	TEU	Twenty Foot Equivalent Unit
MMT	Million Metric tones	V.O.C	V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority
MPA	Mormugao Port Authority		
NMPA	New Manglore Port Authority		
PPA	Paradip Port Authority		

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