

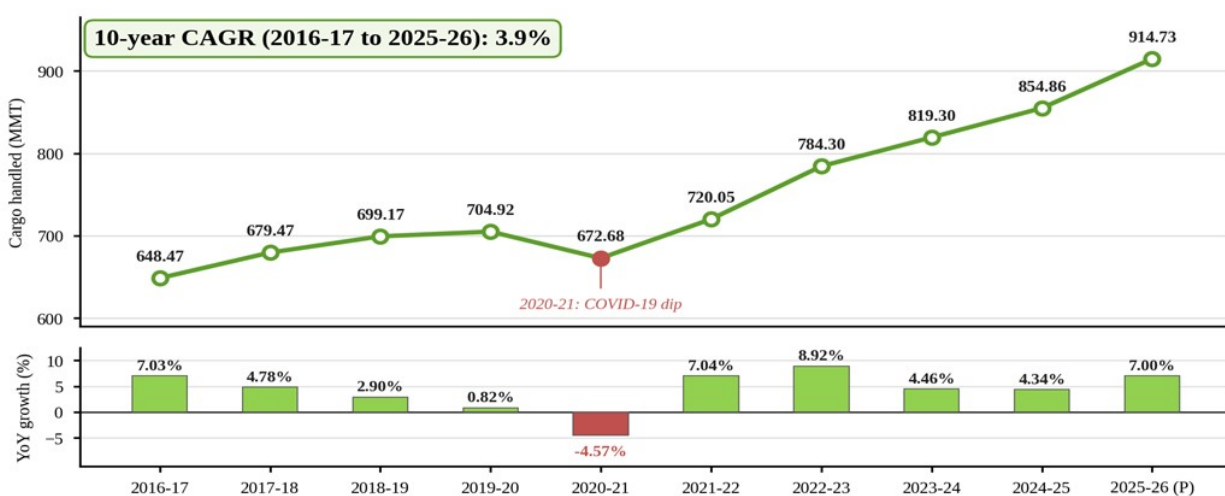
CARGO HANDLING STATUS FOR MAJOR PORTS DURING SEPTEMBER 2026

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 September 2026 (Advance Estimates) compared with provisional estimates of September 2025. During April-September 2026-27 cargo handled at Major Ports increased by 8.07% compared to April-September 2025-26. During April-September 2026-27 total cargo handled had increased to 472.75 million tonnes (MMT) from 437.43 MMT handled during April-September 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-September 2026-27

Major Ports

Performance during April-September 2026-27

- Total Cargo handled 472.75 MMT
 - Overseas cargo 358.82 MMT
 - Coastal cargo 113.93 MMT

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

- Cargo handled increased by 35.31 MMT
 - Increase in Overseas cargo 20.51 MMT
 - Increase in Coastal cargo 14.81 MMT

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

Contribution to growth over April-September 2025-26 (increase of 8.07%)

Share of cargo handled, April-September 2026-27



Share of growth over April-September 2025-26

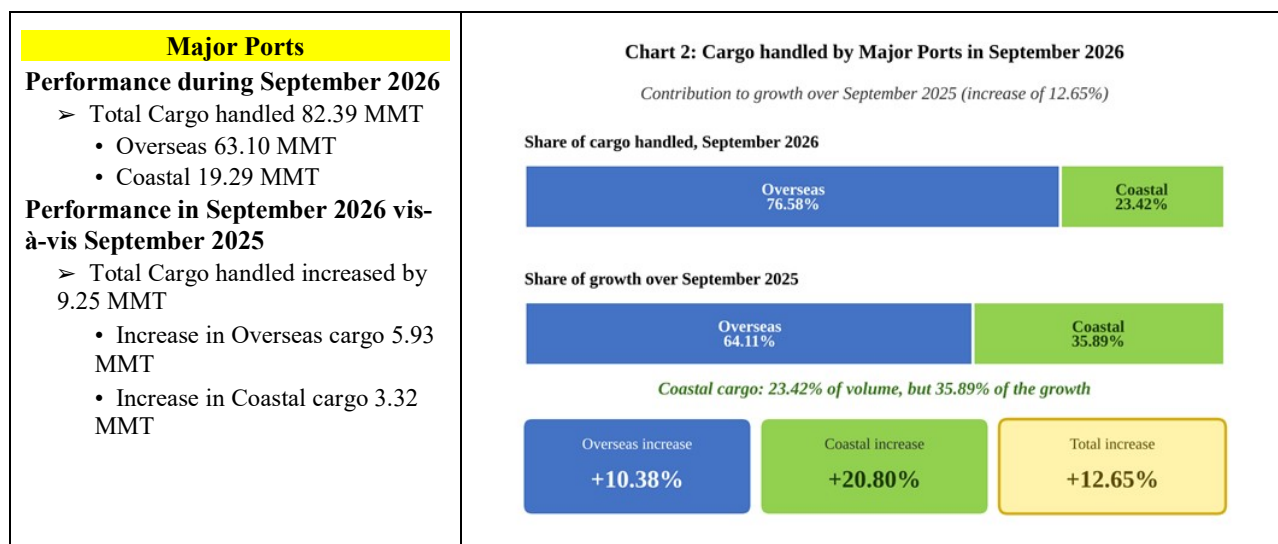


Coastal cargo: 24.10% of volume, but 41.93% of the growth



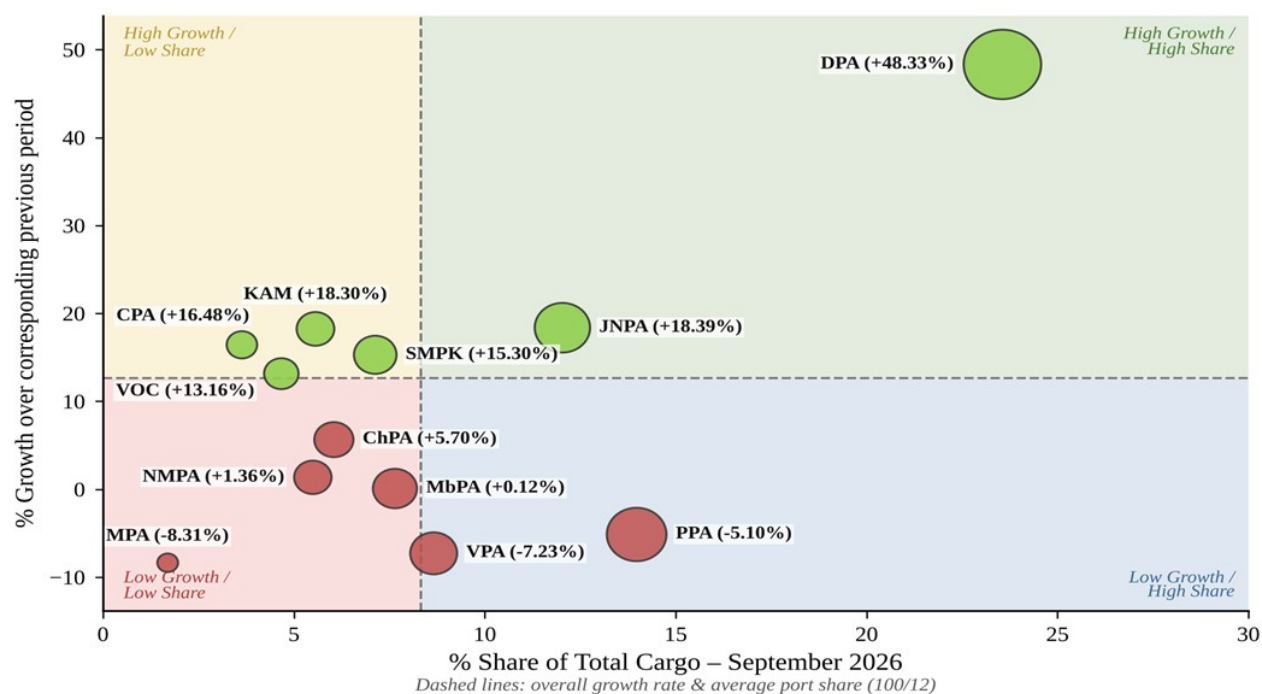
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Cargo handled by Major ports in September 2026



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

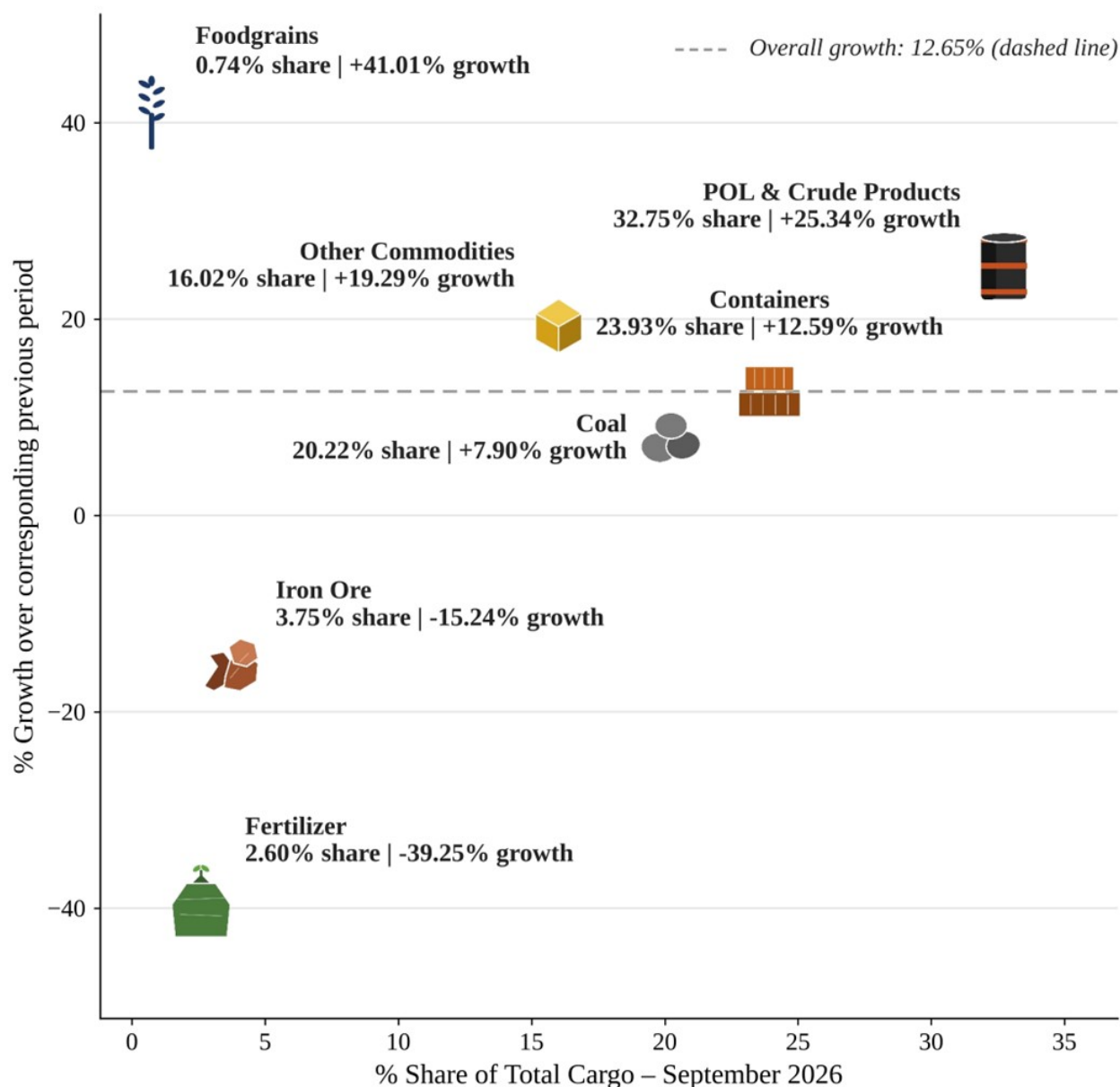
Chart 3: Growth-Share Matrix of Major Ports – September 2026



Major Ports	
Key Insights	
➤ Deendayal leads on both fronts, with the highest cargo share (23.54%) and highest growth (48.33%). Its additional 6.32 MMT accounts for about 68% of the system-wide increase of 9.25 MMT, and it shares the High Growth/High Share quadrant with JNPA (+18.39%).	
➤ Kamarajar (+18.30%), Cochin (+16.48%), SMP Kolkata (+15.30%) and V.O.C (+13.16%) carry smaller shares but grew faster than the system average of 12.65%, falling in the High Growth/Low Share quadrant.	
➤ Paradip (-5.10%) and Visakhapatnam (-7.23%) retained large shares despite a year-on-year decline, while Chennai, New Mangalore and Mumbai grew below average. Mormugao (-8.31%) recorded the steepest fall, making it one of three Major Ports to decline over September 2025.	

Commodity-wise Cargo handled in September 2026

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



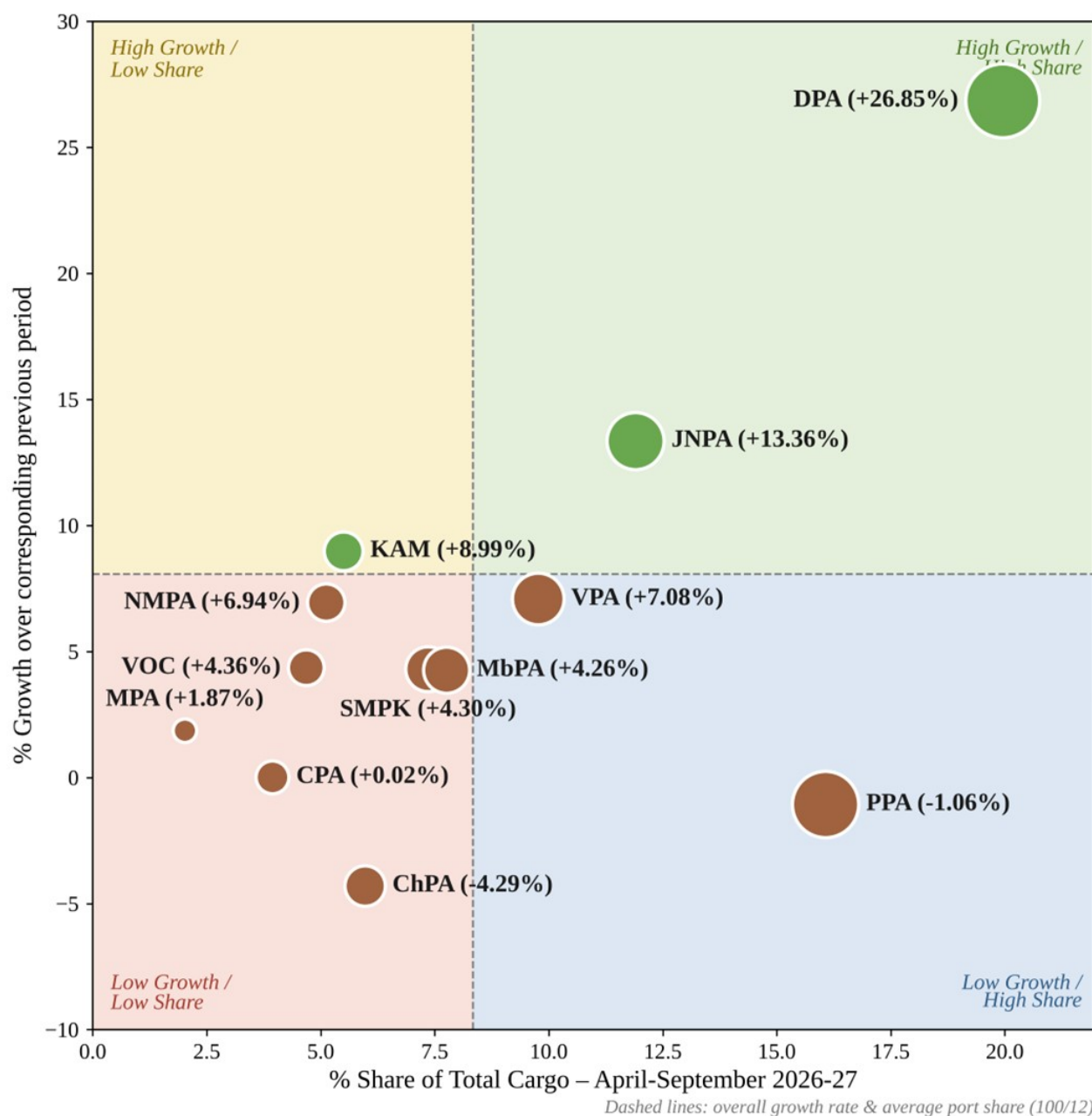
Commodity-wise Cargo Handled

Key Insights

- POL & Crude Products, the largest commodity group at 32.75% share, grew 25.34%, about double the overall 12.65% rate, led by POL Crude rising 40.07% to 20.23 MMT. This is a sharp turnaround from the decline recorded in August 2026.
- Foodgrains (+41.01%) posted the sharpest growth in September 2026, though it contributed only 0.74% of total cargo; Other Commodities (+19.29%) also grew well above average.
- Fertilizer (-39.25%) and Iron Ore (-15.24%) were the only two commodity groups to contract during the month, while Coal (+7.90%), despite a 20.22% share, grew slower than the overall rate and Containers (+12.59%) grew broadly in line with it.

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

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

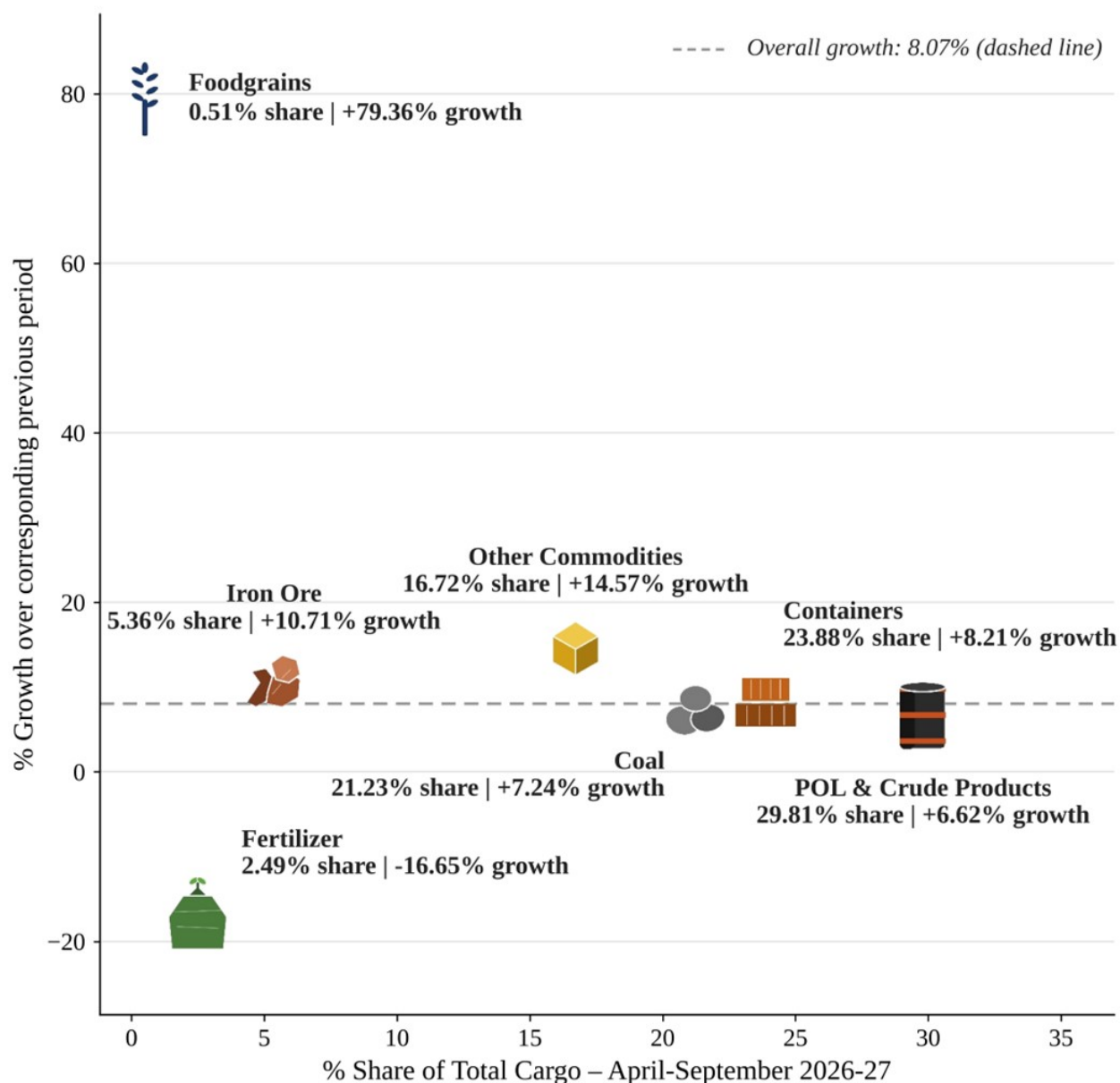


Major Port-wise Cargo handling

Key Insights

- Deendayal (+26.85%) and JNPA (+13.36%) are the only ports in the High Growth/High Share quadrant; together they added 26.60 MMT, about 75% of the total increase of 35.31 MMT over April-September 2025-26.
- Kamarajar (+8.99%) is the only High Growth/Low Share port, growing just above the 8.07% average, while Paradip (16.07% share) and Visakhapatnam (9.76% share) hold large shares with below-average growth (Low Growth/High Share).
- Paradip (-1.06%) and Chennai (-4.29%) are the only ports to record a decline over the period; New Mangalore, V.O.C, SMP Kolkata, Mumbai, Mormugao and Cochin recorded below-average growth and modest shares (Low Growth/Low Share).

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



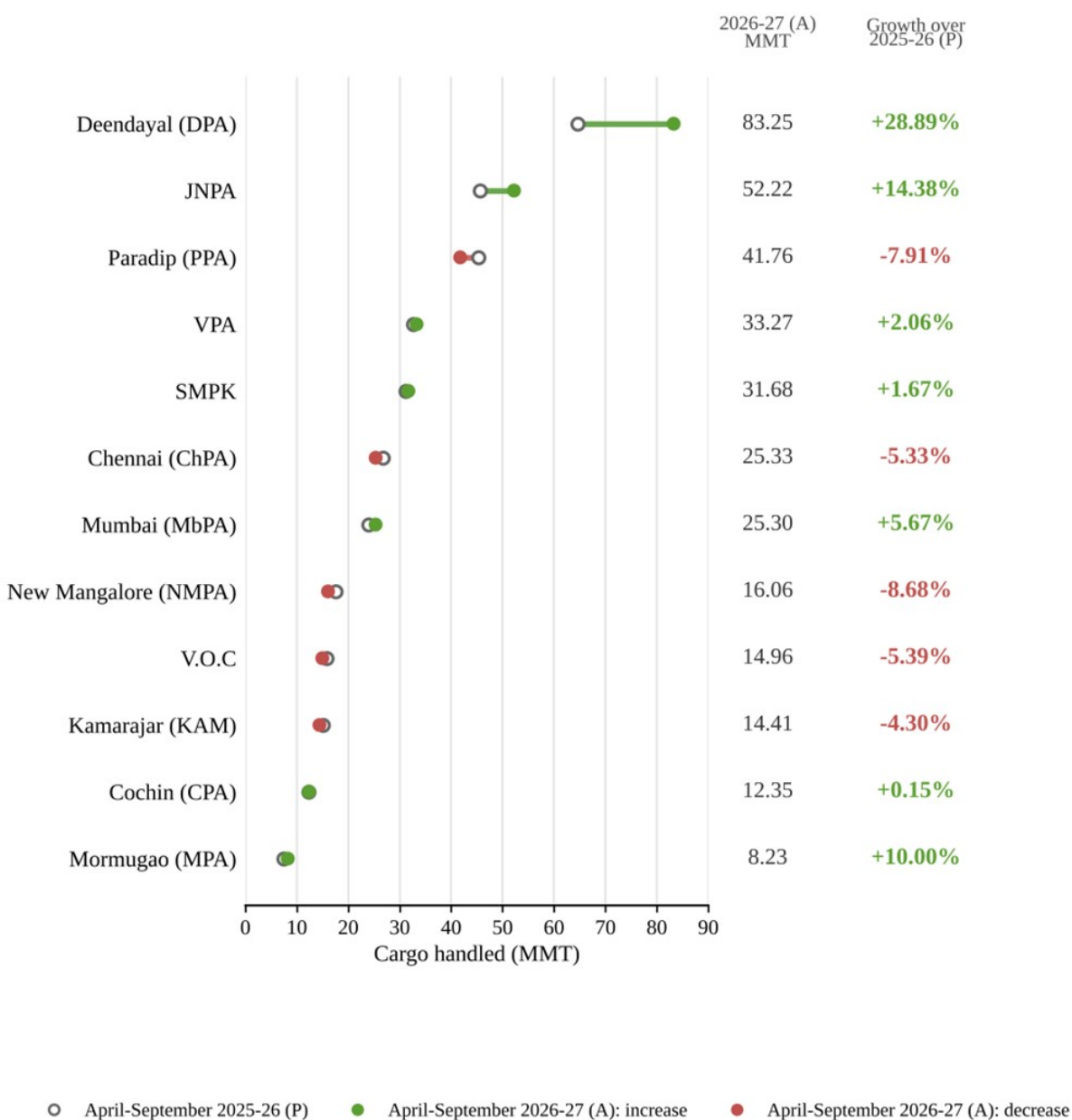
Commodity-wise Cargo Handled

Key Insights

- Foodgrains grew 79.36% during April-September 2026-27, by far the fastest-growing commodity, though it remains a marginal 0.51% of total cargo share.
- Fertilizer (-16.65%) was the only commodity group to decline over the period; every other commodity group posted positive growth.
- POL & Crude Products, the largest commodity at 29.81% share, grew 6.62%, below the overall 8.07% pace, while Other Commodities (+14.57%), Iron Ore (+10.71%) and Containers (+8.21%) grew faster than average and Coal (+7.24%) grew slightly below it.

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

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



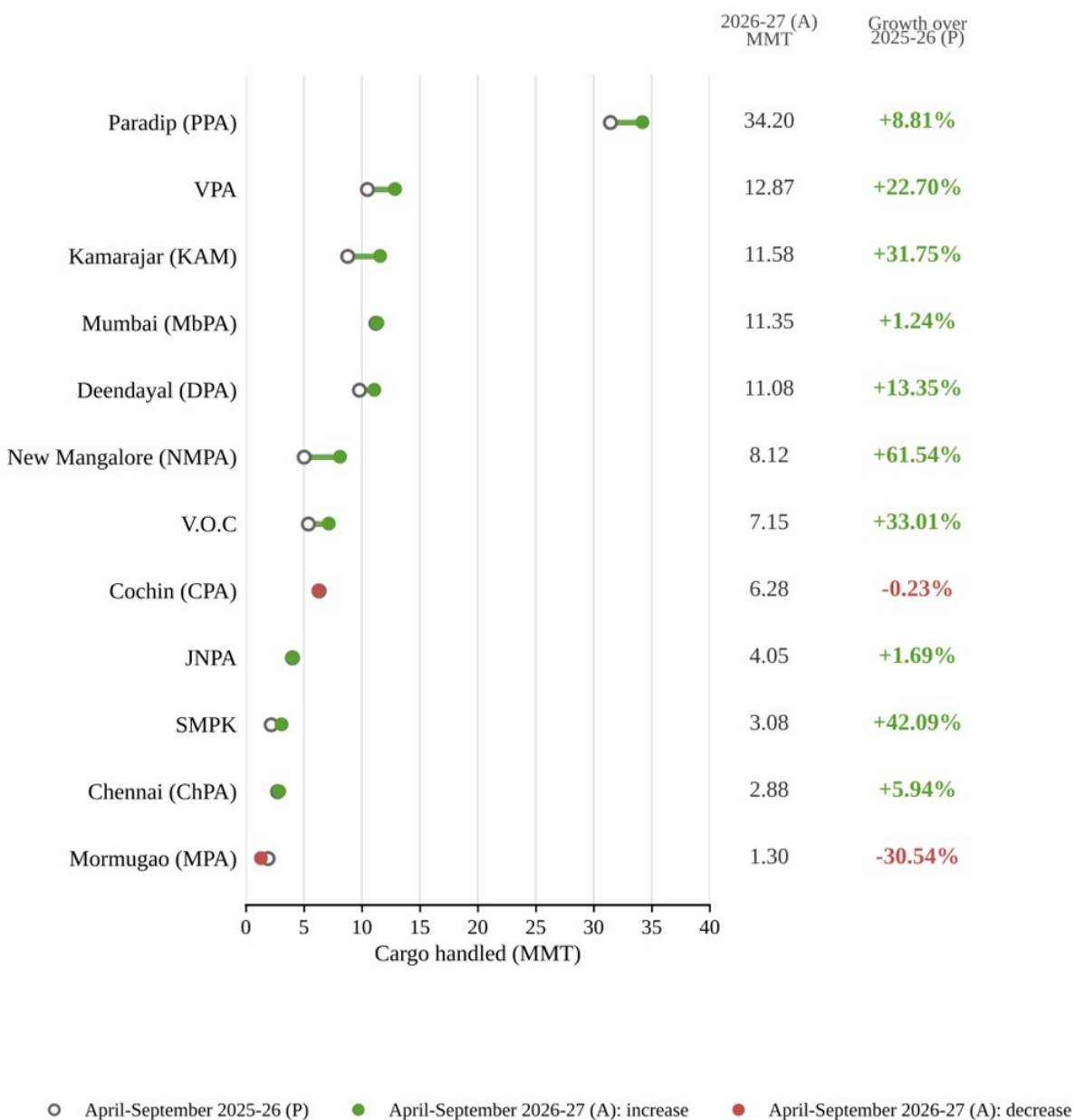
Overseas Cargo handled by Major Ports

Key Insights

- Deendayal remained the largest overseas handler at 83.25 MMT and posted the fastest growth of all Major Ports (+28.89%), handling about 1.6 times the overseas cargo of the second-largest port, JNPA (52.22 MMT).
- Five of the twelve Major Ports (New Mangalore, Paradip, V.O.C, Chennai and Kamarajar) recorded a decline in overseas cargo, with New Mangalore seeing the steepest fall (-8.68%). SMP Kolkata (+1.67%) and Cochin (+0.15%) moved back into positive territory.
- Mormugao posted the third-highest growth rate (+10.00%) despite handling the lowest overseas volume (8.23 MMT) among all Major Ports.

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

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



Coastal Cargo handled by Major Ports

Key Insights

- Paradip remained the dominant coastal port, handling 34.20 MMT, nearly 2.7 times the second-largest port (Visakhapatnam, 12.87 MMT), and grew 8.81% over April-September 2025-26.
- New Mangalore posted the sharpest coastal growth (+61.54%), followed by SMP Kolkata (+42.09%), V.O.C (+33.01%) and Kamarajar (+31.75%); Kamarajar is also the third-largest coastal handler at 11.58 MMT.
- Mormugao was the weakest performer, with coastal cargo falling 30.54% to just 1.30 MMT; Cochin (-0.23%) was the only other port to decline, while Chennai turned positive (+5.94%).

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)**

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	76.37	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						
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar

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

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	62.38	56.79	61.67
FY 2026-27 (A)	54.54	61.07	60.95	60.83	58.34	63.10						
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar

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

FY 2024-25	15.65	16.28	16.44	15.30	15.86	14.94	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	19.29						
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar

Note 1: Monthly data in Chart 11,12 and 13 for the year 2024-25 has been taken from Basic Port Statistics Of India 2024-25 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-I : Major Port -wise Monthly Cargo handled										
										(in Tonnes)
S. No.	Name of Ports		September 2025 (P)	September 2026 (A)		Percentage Change in September 2026 over September 2025	April-September 2025-26 (P)	April-September 2026-27 (A)		Percentage Change in April-September 2026-27 over April-September 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	4715947	5269031	8.35	11.73	31154925	31676680	8.83	1.67
		Coastal	368679	593391	3.08	60.95	2165051	3076291	2.70	42.09
		Total	5084626	5862422	7.12	15.30	33319976	34752971	7.35	4.30
	KDS	Overseas	1252975	1441076	2.28	15.01	8701160	9109584	2.54	4.69
		Coastal	35101	41312	0.21	17.69	197852	208795	0.18	5.53
		Total	1288076	1482388	1.80	15.09	8899012	9318379	1.97	4.71
	HDC	Overseas	3462972	3827955	6.07	10.54	22453765	22567096	6.29	0.50
		Coastal	333578	552079	2.86	65.50	1967199	2867496	2.52	45.77
		Total	3796550	4380034	5.32	15.37	24420964	25434592	5.38	4.15
2	Paradip	Overseas	7403961	5914098	9.37	-20.12	45348215	41761942	11.64	-7.91
		Coastal	4723435	5594656	29.00	18.44	31431835	34202030	30.02	8.81
		Total	12127396	11508754	13.97	-5.10	76780050	75963972	16.07	-1.06
3	Visakhapatnam	Overseas	5896137	5113056	8.10	-13.28	32600719	33271514	9.27	2.06
		Coastal	1780937	2009199	10.42	12.82	10485229	12865479	11.29	22.70
		Total	7677074	7122255	8.64	-7.23	43085948	46136993	9.76	7.08
4	Kamarajar	Overseas	2247223	2476216	3.92	10.19	15057028	14409973	4.02	-4.30
		Coastal	1624551	2103979	10.91	29.51	8786651	11576301	10.16	31.75
		Total	3871774	4580195	5.56	18.30	23843679	25986274	5.50	8.99
5	Chennai	Overseas	4398838	4472146	7.09	1.67	26751882	25326732	7.06	-5.33
		Coastal	304231	499057	2.59	64.04	2714687	2875863	2.52	5.94
		Total	4703069	4971203	6.03	5.70	29466569	28202595	5.97	-4.29
6	V.O.C.	Overseas	2548944	2448902	3.88	-3.92	15808834	14956145	4.17	-5.39
		Coastal	848955	1396288	7.24	64.47	5379013	7154460	6.28	33.01
		Total	3397899	3845190	4.67	13.16	21187847	22110605	4.68	4.36
7	Cochin	Overseas	1793790	1917148	3.04	6.88	12333013	12351336	3.44	0.15
		Coastal	778438	1079087	5.59	38.62	6293827	6279323	5.51	-0.23
		Total	2572228	2996235	3.64	16.48	18626840	18630659	3.94	0.02
8	New Mangalore	Overseas	3527939	3090963	4.90	-12.39	17583174	16057101	4.48	-8.68
		Coastal	934705	1432578	7.43	53.27	5028463	8123097	7.13	61.54
		Total	4462644	4523541	5.49	1.36	22611637	24180198	5.11	6.94
9	Mormugao	Overseas	1349463	1262870	2.00	-6.42	7481712	8229943	2.29	10.00
		Coastal	166651	127183	0.66	-23.68	1876221	1303215	1.14	-30.54
		Total	1516114	1390053	1.69	-8.31	9357933	9533158	2.02	1.87
10	Mumbai	Overseas	4312420	4385718	6.95	1.70	23947160	25304765	7.05	5.67
		Coastal	1969353	1903652	9.87	-3.34	11205780	11345270	9.96	1.24
		Total	6281773	6289370	7.63	0.12	35152940	36650035	7.75	4.26
11	JNPA	Overseas	7587827	9134416	14.48	20.38	45653527	52217133	14.55	14.38
		Coastal	775295	766983	3.98	-1.07	3979228	4046370	3.55	1.69
		Total	8363122	9901399	12.02	18.39	49632755	56263503	11.90	13.36
12	Deendayal	Overseas	11382024	17612160	27.91	54.74	64591889	83253976	23.20	28.89
		Coastal	1694844	1785220	9.25	5.33	9775812	11080636	9.73	13.35
		Total	13076868	19397380	23.54	48.33	74367701	94334612	19.95	26.85
		Overseas	57164513	63096724	76.58	10.38	338312078	358817240	75.90	6.06
		Coastal	15970074	19291273	23.42	20.80	99121797	113928335	24.10	14.94
		Total	73134587	82387997	100.00	12.65	437433875	472745575	100.00	8.07

P-Provisional
Source: - Major Ports

A- Advanced Estimates

Table-2: Commodity-Wise Cargo handled by Major Ports										
									(in Tonnes)	
Principal Commodities	Commodities	September 2025 (P)	September 2026 (A)		Percentage Change in September 2026 over September 2025	April-September 2025-26 (P)	April-September 2026-27 (A)		Percentage Change in April-September 2026-27 over April-September 2025-26	
		Cargo handled	Cargo handled	% share		Cargo handled	Cargo handled	% share		
POL and Crude Products	POL Crude	14440808	20227645	24.55	40.07	87618597	94320511	19.95	7.65	
	POL Products	5337395	5508517	6.69	3.21	35567076	39496627	8.35	11.05	
	LPG or LNG	1748273	1244399	1.51	-28.82	8969464	7092298	1.50	-20.93	
Coal	Thermal Coal	9460402	10767691	13.07	13.82	55565133	63412533	13.41	14.12	
	Coking Coal	3284512	3423641	4.16	4.24	19750773	22029728	4.66	11.54	
	Other Coal	2696223	2470293	3.00	-8.38	18263641	14916746	3.16	-18.33	
Iron Ore	Iron Ore Pellets/ Fine	3641373	3086475	3.75	-15.24	22896659	25349314	5.36	10.71	
Fertilizer	FRM-Liquid	507620	393542	0.48	-22.47	3030605	2101279	0.44	-30.66	
	Ferti-lizer	2123934	1101172	1.34	-48.15	5835173	5775877	1.22	-1.02	
	FRM-Dry	890483	644873	0.78	-27.58	5269150	3904975	0.83	-25.89	
Foodgrains	Food Grains excluding Pulses	431561	608539	0.74	41.01	1333086	2391070	0.51	79.36	
Other Commodities	Edible Oil	1219846	1250221	1.52	2.49	6860485	6788619	1.44	-1.05	
	Other Ores	544099	916786	1.11	68.50	4014333	5322159	1.13	32.58	
	Pulses	0	41158	0.05	-	300390	337851	0.07	12.47	
	Sugar	309923	292554	0.36	-5.60	1257545	1585995	0.34	26.12	
	Cement	290904	300446	0.36	3.28	1661922	1694566	0.36	1.96	
	Iron and Steel	1282263	869985	1.06	-32.15	5505261	5688800	1.20	3.33	
	Project Cargo	89511	373393	0.45	317.15	713734	1908372	0.40	167.38	
	Other Commodities	7325122	9151062	11.11	24.93	48682948	55726255	11.79	14.47	
Container	Container	Tonnes	17510335	19715605	23.93	12.59	104337900	112902000	23.88	8.21
		TEUs	1198523	1447954	1.76	20.81	7297047	8171279	1.73	11.98
Total		73134587	82387997	100.00	12.65	437433875	472745575	100.00	8.07	

P-Provisional A- Advanced Estimates *TEUs in Numbers
Source: - Major Ports

ABBREVIATIONS USED

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