



Action Plan for Promotion of Coastal Shipping in Maharashtra

The Maharashtra Maritime Board's *Action Plan for Promotion of Coastal Shipping* aims to boost coastal cargo movement through improved infrastructure, policy support, and multimodal integration. With a 720 km coastline, Maharashtra handled 46.22 MTPA of coastal cargo in FY 2023-24. Supported by the Coastal Shipping Bill, 2024, the plan addresses challenges like poor connectivity, limited port infrastructure, and high logistics costs. It follows a two-phase approach: Phase 1 (0-3 years) focuses on planning, stakeholder engagement, and identifying infrastructure gaps, while Phase 2 (3-5 years) emphasizes port expansion, multimodal hubs, and private sector participation. Key outcomes include reduced congestion, lower costs, and a shift toward sustainable transport.