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## **Efficiency levels of Indian ports improving**

The efficiency of major Indian ports has shown a marked increase over the last five years. One of the gauges of efficiency, the average turnaround time or the time taken to load or unload a vessel at the country's major ports has seen a gradual decline over the years, notes Icra Ltd in a research note. The average turnaround time for all major ports has improved to 3.44 days for fiscal year 2017 from 4.29 days in FY13. This was even higher at 5.29 days in FY11, it added. There has been a steady improvement every year, notes Icra, adding that the most efficient was Cochin port with a turnaround time of 1.99 days. Paradip is the least efficient with a turnaround time of 4.99 days.