One port's coastal cargo made 59.39 per cent of the October 2026 rise at the Major Ports

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In October 2026, one line of one port made 59.39 per cent of the rise in cargo at the twelve Major Ports: Deendayal Port's coastal cargo, which rose from 2.03 million tonnes in October 2025 to 12.29 million tonnes. That is 5.57 times the line's highest month in the thirty months from April 2024 to September 2026 that the Ministry's monthly reports print, which was 2.20 million tonnes in January 2026. October 2026 alone equals 56.04 per cent of the port's coastal cargo in the whole of 2025-26, which was 21.93 million tonnes.

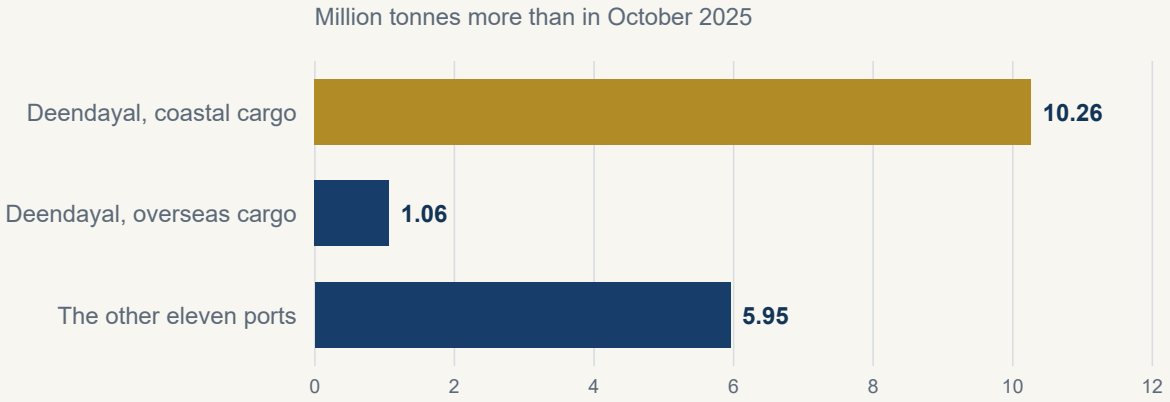
The figures are the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways' own. October's figures are from Table-1 of its report for October 2026, whose file is dated 11 November 2026. Each monthly report from April 2025 to March 2026 also prints the same month of 2024-25, and the report for March 2026 prints the whole of 2025-26.

Finding	What the Ministry's own figures show
One line of one port	Deendayal's coastal cargo rose by 10.26 million tonnes between October 2025 and October 2026. That one line of one port made 59.39 per cent of the whole rise at the twelve Major Ports, which was 17.28 million tonnes. It also made 72.64 per cent of the rise in coastal cargo at all twelve ports, which was 14.13 million tonnes.
Far outside the port's own record	From April 2025 to September 2026, Deendayal's coastal cargo was never below 1.44 million tonnes, which it carried in April 2025. It was never above 2.20 million tonnes, which it carried in January 2026. The Ministry's reports for 2025-26 also print each month of 2024-25, and none of those twelve months passed 1.55 million tonnes. The highest was 1.54 million tonnes, in January 2025. Deendayal's coastal cargo averaged 1.85 million tonnes a month over April to September 2026, which were the six months before October. October 2026 brought 12.29 million tonnes, which is 6.65 times that average and 5.57 times the highest month before it.
No reason in the Ministry's report	The report does not say why Deendayal's coastal cargo rose.
Overseas cargo grew more slowly	Overseas cargo, the part that moves with foreign trade, grew more slowly in April to October 2026-27 than in the same seven months of 2025-26, at 5.95 per cent against 6.76 per cent.

Sources: Read on 22 November 2026. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, monthly reports on cargo at the Major Ports, for April 2025 to October 2026. Annexure A lists each file with its date.

October's rise, in three parts

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The three bars divide the rise of 17.28 million tonnes at the twelve Major Ports in October 2026. The gold bar is Deendayal's coastal cargo, and the blue bars are Deendayal's overseas cargo and the other eleven ports. Each part is rounded on its own, so the three parts as printed add to one hundredth of a million tonnes less than 17.28.

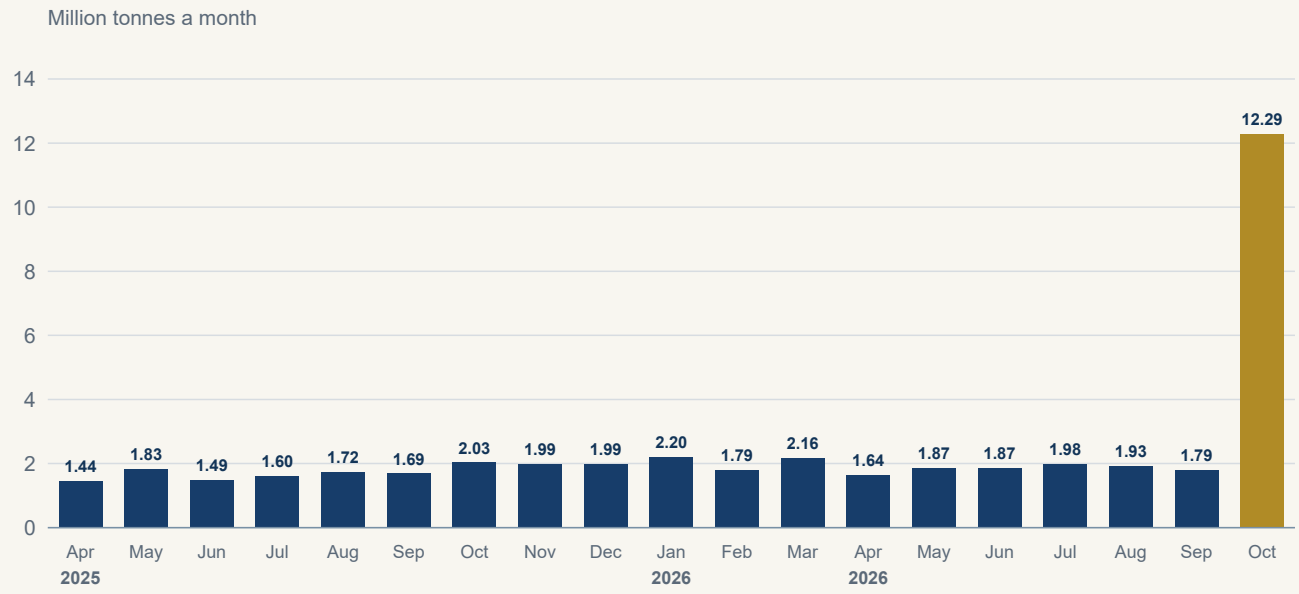
The Ministry's report says, on its second page, that the month's rise at Deendayal was "driven mainly by coastal cargo".

The report does not say why Deendayal's coastal cargo rose. It has no table of cargo by port and by commodity, so it cannot show what the extra coastal cargo was.

Sources: Read on 22 November 2026. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, report for October 2026, file dated 11 November 2026.

Deendayal's coastal cargo, month by month

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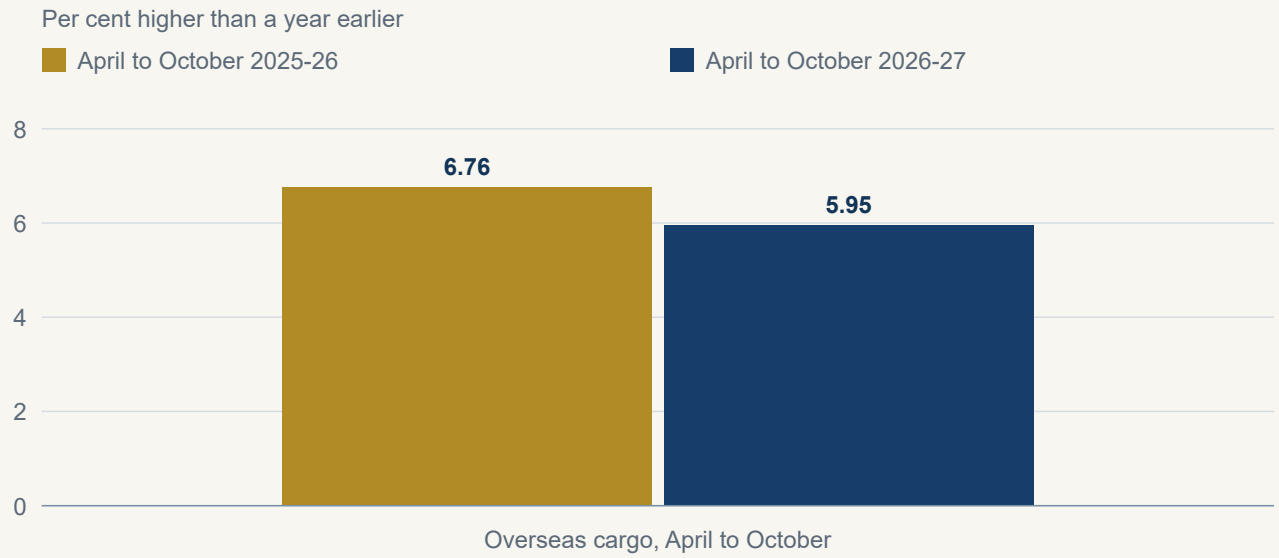
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Each bar is one month of coastal cargo at Deendayal Port. Eighteen months sit between 1.44 and 2.20 million tonnes, while the gold bar for October 2026 stands at 12.29 million tonnes. The months to October 2025 carry the Ministry's Provisional figures, and the later months carry its Advance Estimates.

Sources: Read on 22 November 2026. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, monthly reports on cargo at the Major Ports, for April 2025 to October 2026. Annexure A lists each file with its date.

Overseas cargo, and the first figure to read in November

The Ministry's report divides cargo into two parts. It calls overseas cargo the "global" part and coastal cargo the "domestic" part. Overseas cargo, which is the part that moves with foreign trade, grew more slowly in April to October 2026-27 than in the same seven months of 2025-26, at 5.95 per cent against 6.76 per cent.



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The two bars show how fast overseas cargo grew over April to October, which are the same seven months in each year. The gold bar is 2025-26 and the blue bar is 2026-27.

The Ministry's report for November 2026 is expected in December 2026, going by the dates of its last six monthly files. The first figure to read in it is Deendayal's coastal cargo. It will be set against 1.99 million tonnes in November 2025, against the range of 1.44 to 2.20 million tonnes from April 2025 to September 2026, and against 12.29 million tonnes in October 2026. Until the Ministry says what the October cargo was, the jump stands unexplained in its own report.

Sources: Read on 22 November 2026. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, monthly reports on cargo at the Major Ports, for October and November 2025 and October 2026. Annexure A lists each file with its date. the Ministry's listing page of monthly cargo reports.