

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2687

TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2018

PLANS TO REDUCE LOGISTICS COST

2687. SHRI MAJEED MEMON:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has considered the report on issues and challenges in India, undertaken by advisory firm Dun and Bradstreet (DNB), on behalf of Niti Aayog;
- (b) if so, how the Ministry plans to tackle issues such as, port congestion, custom clearance, shipping line issues, charges, documentation and paperwork and regulatory clearances; and
- (c) whether the Ministry plans to reduce logistics costs for EXIM and domestic cargo under Sagarmala project?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

- (a)&(b): Ministry of Shipping is in receipt of a copy of the report on issues and challenges in India. Improvements in processes for bringing about efficiency in time, material and cost management is an ongoing exercise. Ministry of Shipping is continuously implementing the agenda of improvement in efficiency and capacity augmentation in all major ports for faster clearance and evacuation of cargo by way of use of latest equipments/techniques. A number of measures have been taken for facilitating EXIM trade, such as reduction in gate-in window time, installation of RFID at port gate, replacement of manual forms with electronic forms, seamless integration of Port Community System with Customs' software and softwares of other stakeholders. Ministry of Shipping has also mandated shipping lines for issuance of delivery orders electronically for the benefit of the trade.
- (c): Yes, Sir. The main vision of the Sagarmala Programme is to reduce logistics cost for EXIM and domestic trade with minimal infrastructure investment.
