

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF SAGARMALA PROJECT

2224. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received complaints regarding implementation of Sagarmala Project harming marine ecology and the livelihood of local fishermen, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this matter; and
- (b) whether there is any system in place in the Ministry to regularly assess and monitor environmental impacts of the ongoing Sagarmala Project, if so, the latest findings in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b) All Sagarmala projects are being implemented by respective agencies and due process of impact assessment with regard to socio-economic (Project Affected People, Rehabilitation & Resettlement, etc.) and environment is done by respective implementing agencies. Further, improvement in livelihood of communities in coastal area is also undertaken through implementation of projects identified under coastal community development pillar of Sagarmala Scheme.

Sagarmala Scheme also envisages suitable linkages and convergence with the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) Scheme of Department of Fisheries, M/o Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying for development of fishing harbours/fish landing centres which also aims at sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector with minimal environmental impacts and with focus on infrastructure, species diversification, sustainable livelihoods, aquatic health management, robust database, innovations, collectivization, modernization of value chain, export promotion, establishing a robust fisheries management framework, with special focus on implementing technologies that ensure protection of habitats and fisheries wealth.
