

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO- \*141**  
ANSWERED ON 14/03/2023

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR ICTT AT GREAT NICOBAR ISLAND**

\*141. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR :

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

- (a) whether the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port of Kolkata has floated an Expression of Interest (EOI) for an International Container Trans-shipment Terminal (ICTT) in the Great Nicobar island;
- (b) whether any Draft Project Report has been prepared and the essential details and recommendations thereon;
- (c) the details of estimated cost of project for the ICTT and whether the pre-bid preparation has started; and
- (d) whether Government will elicit the opinion of independent experts in the domains of ports, ICTTs, ecology and social impact before taking a final call?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA  
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SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR REGARDING “EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR ICTT  
AT GREAT NICOBAR ISLAND”**

- (a) Yes Sir, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority (SMPA) had invited Expression of Interest (EoI) on 28.01.2023 with due date as 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.
- (b) The Draft Detailed Project Report (DPR) is prepared and details of the same are as below:
- (i) The project facilities are proposed to be developed in 4 phases. In the first phase, capacity of about 4 Million TEUs is to be developed by 2028 which will be enhanced to about 16 Million TEUs in the ultimate stage of development by 2058.
- (ii) The key port facilities envisaged in Phase-I of the project are as under:
- Total container berth length of about 2.3 km
  - Two Break-waters of about 3 km length
  - A navigational channel of 400m wide and turning circle of 800m diameter.
  - Rail Mounted Quay Cranes (RMQCs) on berths, Rubber Tired Gantry Cranes (RTGCs) in container yard and other container handling equipment.
  - Development of container yard and other allied infrastructure facilities like terminal buildings, workshops etc.
  - Onshore utilities like water supply, fire-fighting system, drainage, sewerage system, Power Supply and distribution system, IT infrastructure etc.
- (c) The estimated cost of the first phase of the project is Rs.18,000 crore and the ultimate cost is likely to be Rs.42,000 crore. To structure the project, the Expression of Interest (EoI) has been invited.
- (d) Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) study for this project has been undertaken, following all the prescribed guidelines and statutory procedures, by a ‘Quality Council of India - National Accreditation Board for Education & Training (QCI-NABET)’ accredited consultant. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) is also being prepared by a renowned consultant.

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