

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *297
ANSWERED ON 28/03/2023

CONTAINER FEEDER SERVICE BETWEEN CHENNAI AND PUDUCHERRY PORTS

*297. SHRI VAIKO:

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

- (a) whether short-haul container feeder service has been launched between Chennai and Puducherry ports under Sagarmala programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of other container feeder service between major ports and non-major ports under consideration and MoUs signed;
- (d) whether adequate infrastructure for quick import and export custom clearance facility has been provided; and
- (e) whether the container yard facility would be provided in other ports on the Bay of Bengal, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*297 ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH 2023 RAISED BY SHRI VAIKO REGARDING "CONTAINER FEEDER SERVICE BETWEEN CHENNAI AND PUDUCHERY PORTS"

(a) & (b) A MoU between Chennai Port Authority and Puducherry Port was signed on 15.03.2017 for facilitating coastal movement of containers between Chennai Port and Puducherry Port. Under Sagarmala Programme, Government of India has provided 44 crores to Puducherry administration for dredging of the port to facilitate shipping services. Puducherry Administration has completed dredging and other related works for handling of feeder vessels. The container feeder service started from 27.02.2023.

(c) The details of container feeder service routes between major ports and non-major ports are as under:

- i. Krishnapatnam to Chennai
- ii. Krishnapatnam to Kolkata

(d) Yes, adequate infrastructure for import and export custom clearance facility is available.

(e) Yes, requisite container yard facilities are available at container handling ports on the Bay of Bengal.
