

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2387
ANSWERED ON 21/03/2023

ROAD AND RAIL CONNECTIVITY TO PORTS

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

- (a) the details of road and rail projects connecting the ports to the mainland;
- (b) whether Government is carrying out environmental impact assessment before releasing funds for connectivity projects to avoid delay, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has identified logistics bottlenecks in the performance of all major and minor ports in the country; and
- (d) whether the increase in port connectivity is also aimed at connecting landlocked States with ports in coastal States and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Under the Sagarmala Programme, there are 191 road and rail connectivity projects worth Rs. 1.49 lakh Cr. identified for implementation under sagarmala. These projects are being implemented by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Indian Railways, Major Ports, and State agencies. Of these, 62 projects are completed and 65 projects are under implementation.
- (b) Yes Sir. 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.
- (c) & (d) Yes Sir. Based on consultation with Major Ports, State Maritime Boards, Ministry of Railway and Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 107 road and rail connectivity infrastructure gaps for major and non-major ports, have been identified and included in the Comprehensive Port Connectivity Plan (CPCP) prepared by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in September 2022. These projects aim to enhance connectivity between ports and domestic production / consumption centres.
