

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 07/02/2023

UPGRADATION OF COUNTRY'S PORT INFRASTRUCTURE

629. SHRI JAGGESH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning for upgradation of the country's port infrastructure, in a major push to ease bottlenecks in logistics;
- (b) whether Government has identified critical infrastructure gaps in port connectivity that would be taken on priority basis and their implementation would be reviewed periodically to complete them on fast track;
- (c) if so, the number of identified critical infrastructure gaps in port connectivity in the country, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes Sir. Sagarmala is a flagship programme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways aims to promote port-led development in the country through harnessing India's 7,500 km long coastline, 14,500 km of potentially navigable waterways and strategic location on key international maritime trade routes. The vision of Sagarmala is to reduce logistics cost with minimal infrastructure investment, thereby improving the overall efficiency of the economy and increasing competitiveness of exports. The projects under Sagarmala Programme are categorized into five pillars – port modernization, port connectivity, port-led industrialization, coastal community development and coastal shipping & inland water transport.

(b) & (c) Yes Sir. Based on consultation with Major Ports and state maritime boards, 107 last mile road and rail connectivity infrastructure gaps 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. State Multimodal Committees have been formed which has representatives from Major Ports, State Maritime Boards, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways / National Highway Authority of India, and Ministry of Railways to review the projects periodically. State wise number of the infrastructure gaps is given as **Annexure.**

State wise number of Port rail and road Infrastructure Gaps.

State	No. of Infrastructure Gaps
Andhra Pradesh	14
Gujarat	19
Karnataka	19
Kerala	5
Maharashtra	31
Odisha	8
Tamil Nadu	7
West Bengal	4
Total	107
