

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1744**  
ANSWERED ON 10.12.2024

**SETTING UP OF NEW MAJOR PORTS**

1744. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to set up new major ports to strengthen the country's maritime infrastructure and its role in global trade;
- (b) whether there are any plans to set up a new major port in Odisha, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the list of present major ports operated under the PPP model in the country and the expected business capacity from these ports over the next ten years;
- (d) whether Government has provided Viability Gap Funding for these ports, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of investments and share ratios in such PPP ports?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Vadhavan Port in Maharashtra and Galathea Bay Port in Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been notified as new Major Ports which will strengthen the country's maritime infrastructure and its role in global trade.
- (b) There is no proposal to set up a new Major Port in Odisha.
- (c)to(e) No Major Port is operated under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model in the country. Private sector participation has been allowed in the Major Ports for specific projects / berths / terminals through concession agreement for a specific period. After expiry of the concession period, the asset is handed over to the Port Authority.

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