

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1746
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CONNECTING PORTS TO INDUSTRIAL MODES

1746. SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1904 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th December 2023 and state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a report on 'Connectivity of Ports to Industrial Nodes' has been prepared by the Ministry, wherein an assessment and gap analysis of connectivity of the seaports vis-a-vis all the existing and upcoming nodes of different industrial corridors under National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) including industrial nodes in Punjab, has been done;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Ministry to connect industries of Punjab with various ports of the country via Sagarmala project or any other program?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) MoPSW has prepared a 'Report on Connectivity of Ports to Industrial Nodes', wherein a thorough assessment and gap analysis of connectivity of ports in relation to all the existing and upcoming nodes under various industrial corridors under NICDIT has been done. The report has identified 62 new road and rail infrastructure gaps. This strategic analysis will pave the way for targeted initiatives to address these gaps, fostering enhanced connectivity and efficiency. Rail infrastructure gap has been identified for Integrated Manufacturing Cluster (IMC) in Rajpura-Patiala, under Amritsar Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC) in the State of Punjab.

(c) Port Connectivity is one of the dedicated pillars of the Sagarmala Program, and it focuses on improving the overall transport infrastructure linking ports with inland regions. A Comprehensive Port Connectivity Plan (CPCP) has been prepared by DPIIT in 2022 in consultation with M/o Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Ministry of Railways (MoR) and Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and State Maritime Boards. CPCP has identified more than 100 new connectivity infrastructure gaps. The projects taken up under the Sagarmala Program and those identified in the CPCP focus on the last mile and immediate hinterland connectivity of the ports.
