

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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UNDERWATER TUNNEL CONNECTING HOWRAH AND KOLKATA

1749. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

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

- (a) whether the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port Authority conducted any feasibility studies for an underground tunnel connecting Kolkata and Howrah, if so, the details thereof and its specific location;
- (b) the key findings and outcomes of the feasibility study, including the projected benefits and challenges identified during the assessment;
- (c) the current status of this proposed underwater tunnel project, the progress made in terms of approvals, planning and implementation; and
- (d) the estimated timeline for the completion of the project and the measures taken to expedite its progress?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port Authority (SMPA) has placed a consultancy for the “Preparation of Techno Economic Feasibility Report for Comprehensive Evacuation Strategy in respect of Cargo Traffic for direct connectivity of Kolkata Dock System at Kolkata at National highway along with improvement / betterment of evacuation infrastructure”. The Tunnel will connect Port area at Kolkata side with National Highway on Howrah side. The consultant has submitted the draft alignment option report to SMPA.
