

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2076
ANSWERED ON 18.03.2025

IPRCL TO ENHANCE VESSEL TRANSPORT

2076. SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT:

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

- (a) whether Indian Port Rail and Ropeway Corporation Limited (IPRCL) has carried out any study or survey for establishing a rail route connecting Jaisalmer, Barmer, Sanchore, Kandla and Patan for enhancing vessel transport and transhipment capacities, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government prepared a detailed roadmap outlining the steps for project preparation, stakeholder engagement and formation of joint venture or special purpose vehicle for execution of the project; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the amount to be spent under the said scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a)to (c) IPRCL had conducted feasibility study covering traffic report, financial report and engineering survey report for the proposed new rail connectivity from Jaisalmer to Bhabhar via Barmer with a proposed connection to Deendayal Port, Kandla via Palanpur, Gandhidham in January, 2018 for enhancing cargo transportation and transhipment capacities. In the Report, the estimated cost of the project was Rs. 2177.01 Cr. for diesel traction and Rs. 2555.71 Cr. for electric traction. IPRCL had submitted copies of the Report to the Government of Rajasthan and Deendayal Port Authority (DPA).
