## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

### RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.314 ANSWERED ON 04.02.2025

#### INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIVITY TO MAJOR PORTS

#### 314. SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to connect international ports with major ports in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the important port connectivity projects established in the last five years in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) whether Government has initiated any new sea route services to middle east countries, Australia, South America and USA, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **ANSWER**

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

- (a)to (c) The Central Government is committed to connect International Ports with the Major Ports of the country for smooth functioning of global economy, efficient movement of goods and enhancement of trade competitiveness, for which various steps have been taken. The Major Ports in Tamil Nadu are connected with more than 170International Ports for Import and Export purposes. An important International port connectivity route has been established in Tamil Nadu i.e. Chennai-Vladivostok Maritime Corridor.
- (d)The Shipping Corporation of India and other shipping lines provide services to connect India with the Middle East, Australia, South America, and USA. Shipping lines initiate and modify their services according to requirements.

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