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ONOP INITIATIVE

3508. SHRI KUNWAR RATANJEET PRATAP NARAYAN SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of the 'One Nation-One Port Process' (ONOP) initiative launched by the Ministry;
- (b) the expected benefits of standardizing and streamlining operations across India's major ports under the ONOP initiative, particularly in terms of enhancing efficiency, reducing costs, and strengthening India's position in global trade;
- (c) the details of digital platforms, such as the Master Application for International Trade and Regulatory Interface (MAITRI) App, that have been introduced to facilitate trade processes under the ONOP initiative; and
- (d) whether the implementation of the ONOP initiative is anticipated to contribute to environmental sustainability?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The 'One Nation One Port Process (ONOP)' initiative launched by the Ministry focuses on mapping and standardizing port processes and documentation. This involves conducting a comprehensive review of the existing procedures and documents exchanged within the port value chain across all major ports which cover various cargo types, including containers, dry bulk, and liquid bulk, as well as different movement categories such as export-import, transshipment, and coastal operations. The implementation of the ONOP initiative is anticipated to significantly reduce paperwork by approximately 25% for both container operations and bulk cargo, leading to a reduction in logistics costs.

(c) "MAITRI" is a middleware software platform for seamless data exchange between India and UAE as the first leg in operationalization of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) to facilitate secure and efficient trade data sharing by creating Virtual Trade Corridor.

(d) Yes. The implementation of the ONOP initiative is contributing to environmental sustainability.
