

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3510
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CONNECTING TAMIL NADU PORTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

3510. SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated connectivity between Chennai Port, Ennore Port, Thoothukudi Port with ports in various foreign countries; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a)& (b) Yes, the Government has initiated connectivity between Chennai Port, Kamarajar Port (Ennore), and V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Thoothukudi) with various foreign ports. Chennai Port is well connected with major ports in Asia, Europe, Australia and South America, with regular cargo vessel calls from Asia, Europe and US. It has also entered into Memorandum of Understanding/Intent with Russia, Thailand and Bangladesh to enhance trade. Kamarajar Port maintains export-import trade links with international ports, including those in Australia, China, Singapore, Malaysia, Colombo, Middle East, South Africa, Europe and North America. Similarly, V.O. Chidambaranar Port has regular connectivity with various foreign ports including Colombo, Male, UAE, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, China, Indonesia, South Africa, Australia, Egypt, Russia, Morocco etc.
