

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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STATE-OWNED COMPANIES TO HANDLE MAJOR PORTS

3519. SHRI JAGGESH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 'One Nation One Port' represents a significant step towards making India a global maritime powerhouse, aligning with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and a developed India by 2047;
- (b) whether Government is actively modernizing its maritime infrastructure through several key initiatives aimed at boosting port efficiency, increasing trade capacity and strengthening coastal security;
- (c) whether Government proposes to establish consortium of state-owned companies to develop and operate ports overseas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and efforts by Government to position India as a global maritime hub while ensuring environmental sustainability?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes. The 'One Nation One Port Process (ONOP)' initiative focuses on mapping and standardizing port processes and documentation. 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.
- (b) Yes. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) is actively modernizing its maritime infrastructure through key initiatives such as developing new port, terminals and berths, enhancing port efficiency, capacity and coastal security with automation, mechanization and digitalization.
- (c) & (d) Yes. The Bharat Ports Global consortium between India Ports Global Limited (IPGL), Sagarmala Development Company Limited (SDCL) and Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Limited (IPRCL) was launched on 27.02.2025 to develop and operate ports overseas. MoPSW is actively pursuing its goal of positioning India as a global maritime

hub while ensuring environmental sustainability by proactively adopting green initiatives such as Harit Sagar Guidelines, Green Hydrogen Hubs, Green Tug Transition Programme, Electricity production through renewable energy, Port Equipment Electrification, LNG Bunkering, Shore to Ship Power Facility, Green belt, etc.
