

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *105
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2025

MAJOR MARITIME PROJECTS

*105. SHRI MAYANKKUMAR NAYAK:

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

- (a) whether land acquisition and environmental clearances have been obtained for the Vadhavan Port Project;
- (b) the manner in which development of Vizhinjam International Port will reduce India's dependence on other international ports for cargo trans-shipment;
- (c) whether the Ministry is planning to increase Indian cargo traffic through Chabahar and Sittwe Ports;
- (d) whether any time limit has been set for completion of the Maritime Heritage Complex work at Lothal, Gujarat; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA
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MAYANKKUMAR NAYAK REGARDING “MAJOR MARITIME PROJECTS”**

(a) The Environmental Clearance has been obtained and 3D Notification for Land acquisition with respect to Road and Rail Connectivity has been received.

(b) The development of the Vizhinjam Project is expected to bring back a significant portion of the Indian cargo transshipment currently conducted at foreign ports. Once fully developed the transshipment business is set to generate significant consumer surplus by savings on shipping and navigation costs. By attracting mainline vessels and establishing itself as a competitive transshipment hub, Vizhinjam International Port is certain to minimize India's dependence on foreign ports and strengthen national port competitiveness.

(c) Yes. The Ministry is continuously taking several measures such as investing in port infrastructure, conducting stakeholder consultations and awareness campaigns and providing a range of incentives to increase trade and traffic.

(d) and (e) The target completion date for phase 1A of the project “Development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat” is September, 2025.
