

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1115**  
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2025

**PORT CLUSTERS TO BOOST AQUACULTURE TRADE**

1115. SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:

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

- (a) whether the development of port clusters aims to boost maritime and aquaculture trade with container loading facility for reducing congestion at major ports, with key focus on Krishnapatnam port;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to ensure smooth coordination between different Ministries, including the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways;
- (c) if not, the reasons for not creating such clusters;
- (d) whether Government has an alternative strategy for enhancing port development in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) and (c) Development of port cluster aims to boost maritime and aquaculture trade for facilitating better logistics, improve connectivity, and support complementary industries. Krishnapatnam port is a Non-Major port under the jurisdiction of State Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- (b) At the top of the Sagarmala framework, a National Sagarmala Apex Committee has been constituted for overall policy guidance and high level coordination, and to review aspect of planning and implementation of the plan and projects. Ministry from time to time holds Maritime States Development Council (MSDC) meetings for creating synergy among various stakeholders such as Central Government Department / Ministries and State Governments.
- (d) & (e) Under Sagarmala Scheme, Ministry provides financial assistance to State Governments for Port infrastructure projects, Coastal berth projects, Road & Rail projects, fish harbours, skill development projects, Coastal community development, International standard cruise terminal and unique and innovative projects such as Ro-Pax ferry services.

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