

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIVITY OF PORTS IN TAMIL NADU

1915. 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, the details thereof;
- (b) the total income generated from each of the three Major ports in Tamil Nadu, the funds provided for the expansion and development of ports in the last five years, port-wise; and
- (c) whether Chennai Kamaraj Port and Cuddalore are under Sagarmala Project, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) 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.
- (b) The total income and Capital Expenditure (including Gross Budgetary Support, Public Private Partnership and Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources) at the three Major Ports in Tamil Nadu during the last five years are as under:-

Port	Total Income (In Rs. Cr.)	CAPEX (In Rs. Cr.)
V.O Chidambaranar Port	4362.22	1127.8
Chennai Port	6463.24	306.9
Kamarajar Port	4654.46	1898.3

(c) Under Sagarmala Scheme, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is providing financial assistance to Chennai Port, Kamarajar Port and Cuddalore Port for six projects totaling Rs. 463.80 crore out of which Rs. 233.62 crore has been sanctioned under the scheme.
