

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1919**  
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**DEVELOPMENTAL WORK AT PARADEEP PORT**

1919. SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN:

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

- (a) the cargo handling capacity and performance of Paradeep Port in the last three years;
- (b) the status of ongoing expansion projects;
- (c) whether the port faces congestion or connectivity issues;
- (d) the steps taken to enhance port connectivity via rail and road; and
- (e) the plans for green port development?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Paradip Port's current capacity is 289.75 MTPA. Performance wise, Cargo handled at the Port grew from 135.36 MT in FY 2022-23 to 150.41 MT in FY 2024-25. Average turnaround time improved from 46.27 hours to 41.61 hours between FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24.

(b) The port is currently expanding with projects including the deepening and optimization of inner harbor facilities, developing a Western Dock on a BOT basis, and mechanizing the CQ-III Berth for dry bulk cargo.

(c) and (d) No. To improve connectivity, the Port is upgrading the Paradip-Chandikol section of NH-53 to 8 lanes. Rail projects include new auto signaling, doubling lines from Sabalpur to Talcher and Banspani-Daitari-Tomka-Jakhapura, and adding third and fourth lines between Jarapada-Budhapank-Salegaon.

(e) Paradip Port is focusing on green initiatives such as a 10 MW solar power plant, shore-to-ship power supply, mechanizing berths, and creating a dedicated jetty for green hydrogen projects.

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