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STRATEGIC BENEFITS FROM VADHAVAN PORT

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

- (a) the strategic benefits gained from investing \$20 billion in maritime infrastructure development, particularly with the development of the Vadhavan Port, the manner in which it would impact the country's trade competitiveness, economic growth and regional influence in the maritime sector; and
- (b) how can India's maritime infrastructure development plans be strategically aligned with the country's broader economic, trade and industrial policies to maximize impact and minimize duplication of efforts, the policy reforms necessary to ensure coherence and effectiveness?

ANSWER

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

(a) The \$20 billion investment in maritime infrastructure, including the Vadhavan Port, offers significant strategic benefits. By accommodating Ultra Large Container Vessels (ULCVs), it will reduce India's reliance on foreign trans-shipment hubs, thereby lowering transportation costs and boosting trade competitiveness. The port will also serve as a key hub for the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) and link to other strategic routes like the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), enhancing India's economic growth and regional influence.

(b) India's maritime infrastructure development plans, as outlined in the Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime AmritKaal Vision 2047, are strategically aligned with the nation's broader economic, trade, and industrial policies to maximize impact and minimize duplication of efforts. This alignment is achieved through the development of strategic corridors like the IMEEC, the Eastern Maritime Corridor (EMC), and the INSTC, which strengthen maritime connectivity and supply chains. Additionally, digital platforms such as the National Logistics Portal (Marine) and MAITRI (Virtual Trade Corridor) are creating a unified national platform for port services and EXIM trade, enhancing efficiency and coherence.
