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WORKING CONDITIONS IN MAJOR PORTS

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

- (a) whether reports of poor working conditions and safety violations at major ports have been received in 2024-25;
- (b) the number of accidents or fatalities recorded at government-operated ports during the last five years, port-wise;
- (c) whether regular occupational health checks and safety training are mandated for port workers;
- (d) the budget allocated and utilised for labour welfare under the Sagarmala Programme; and
- (e) the steps being taken to improve mechanisation and reduce manual labour risks?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has not received any reports of poor working conditions and safety violations at Major Ports in 2024-25.
- (b) The details of fatal accidents recorded at the Major Ports during the last five years, port-wise are as under:

Port	No. of fatal accidents
Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port	16
Paradip Port	11
Visakhapatnam Port	7
Kamarajar Port	3
Chennai Port	11
V.O. Chidambaranar Port	Nil
Cochin Port	24
New Mangalore Port	4

Mormugao Port	3
Mumbai Port	7
Jawaharlal Nehru Port	Nil
Deendayal Port	19

(c) Yes, regular occupational health checks and safety training are mandated for port workers.

(d) There is no budgetary allocation for labour welfare at Major Ports under the Sagarmala Programme.

(e) The Major Ports have taken various steps to improve mechanisation and reduce manual labour risks such as mechanisation of berths, installation of conveyor systems for bulk cargo, use of modern cargo handling equipment like Mobile Harbour Cranes, Rubber Tyred Gantry Cranes, Self-Unloading Vessels, etc. Regular training and awareness programmes are conducted for Dock Workers and appropriate Personal Protective equipment is supplied to ensure their safety.
