

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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EXPANSION OF MAJOR PORTS

3034. SHRI A. D. SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Government is undertaking expansion of major ports, including the development of new ports;
- (b) the details of investment plans, timelines, and expected cargo handling capacity of these projects;
- (c) whether the expansion is aligned with the China+1 strategy and green energy corridors; and
- (d) the steps being taken to address delays, cost overruns, and ensure environmental sustainability in the execution of these port infrastructure projects?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b) Expansion of Major Ports is a continuous process that involves modernization, mechanization, construction of new berths and terminals, capital dredging and enhancement of road and rail connectivity. Government has approved the development of a new deep seaport at Vadhvan in Palghar District, Maharashtra, with a container handling capacity of 23.2 Million Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit (TEUs) per annum at an estimated cost of Rs. 76,220 crore. Phase-I of the project is expected to be completed by 2030. The International Container Transshipment Port project at Galathea Bay in Great Nicobar Island, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, has been notified as a new Major Port. This proposed transshipment hub with handling capacity of 16 million TEUs per annum is likely to be developed in four phases for an estimated cost of Rs. 43,796 crore.

(c)&(d) The expansion of the Major Ports is aligned with the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, which aims to transform India into one of the top maritime nations by the year 2047, and with green energy corridors. Port projects are monitored regularly at various levels in the concerned ports as well as in the Ministry through periodic review meetings and Sagarmanthan portal, a project monitoring digital tool, to ensure timely execution and completion. Ministry has launched the Harit Sagar Guidelines to promote environmental sustainability across Major Ports.
