GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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PROJECTS UNDER SAGARMALA PROGRAMME

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that despite completion of 241 projects worth ₹1.22 lakh crore under Sagarmala till September 2024, cargo handling increased by only 14.26 per cent and ship movement declined by 5.93 per cent from 2016–17 to 2020–21;
- (b) the reasons for the limited impact and the measures for improvement;
- (c) the status of 234 projects worth ₹1.8 lakh crore and 364 projects worth ₹2.78 lakh crore; and
- (d) the steps being taken for coordination between Maritime India Vision 2030, Amrit Kal Vision 2047, and Sagarmala?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) The Sagarmala Programme integrates port development, improved logistics, shipbuilding expansion, and enhanced coastal traffic. However, the initiative faces key implementation hurdles including sluggish project timelines, inefficient fund utilization, limited hinterland connectivity, and regulatory bottlenecks related to environmental approvals. For improvement, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways maintains close co-ordination with State Government for matters related to land acquisition, utility shifting and infrastructure development. Regular meeting are held with district authorities and concerned State Departments for timely approvals. Further, to resolve issues concerning State Government in timely manner, Ministry from time to time holds Maritime States Development Council (MSDC) meetings and also encourage coastal States/UTs to hold State Sagarmala Committee meetings for creating synergy among various stakeholders for expeditious implementation of Sagarmala projects.
- (c) There are 839 projects worth investment of Rs. 5.79 Lakh crores for implementation under the Sagarmala Programme. These projects are implemented by Central Ministries, lWAl, Indian Railways, State Government and Major Ports etc. Out of these, 280 projects worth Rs. 1.42 lakh Cr. have been completed and 209 projects worth Rs. 1.62 lakh Cr. are under implementation. Further, 350 projects worth Rs. 2.75 Lakh Cr. are under various stages of development.

(d) For better co-ordination between Maritime India Vision 2030, Amrit Kal Vision 2047, and Sagarmala, the Ministry has developed the Sagarmanthan Portal, which includes modules such as KPIs, Projects, and Long-Term Strategies. This portal provides comprehensive visibility into the progress made by organizations and wings under the Ministry across various parameters, including capital expenditure, traffic, port performance, and the physical and financial progress of projects. Additionally, the Ministry has established functional cells—Viksit Bharat Sankalp (ViBhaS) at the Ministry level and Neel Arth Vision Implementation Cells (NAVIC) at the organization level—to facilitate tracking progress across key themes and driving ideation and innovation for future initiatives. These measures ensure alignment with MIV's objectives and a structured approach to achieving them.
