

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1913**  
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2025

**SETTING UP OF MINOR PORT IN PUDUCHERRY**

1913. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

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

- (a) whether Government would consider for approving a new minor port in Puducherry;
- (b) whether one new minor port would be required considering the quantum of port activities performed in Puducherry, if so, the details thereof
- (c) whether the existing old port in Puducherry would be enhanced into an inland water transport port; and
- (d) if so, whether it would pave way for generation of revenue through tourism activities?

**ANSWER**

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

(a)& (b) Ports other than Major Ports are under the administrative control of the respective State Government/ Union Territory. As per the information provided by the Union Territory of Puducherry, no proposal for approving of a new minor port is under consideration.

(c)& (d) Union Territory of Puducherry has reported that due to non- perennial nature of rivers flowing in Puducherry, the possibility of Inland Water Transport Port does not arise.

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