

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1917
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2025

PULICAT LAKE SEA MOUTH PROJECT

1917. SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:

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

- (a) the status of the Pulicat Lake sea mouth opening project, including support given by the Central Government under the Sagarmala programme;
- (b) whether the State of Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board has received required funding under the SASCI scheme, if so, the steps to bridge the ₹18.71 crore gap; and
- (c) the expected timeline for completion of the project and the ecological and economic benefits anticipated from its implementation?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that they have entrusted Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board as Executing Agency for the project 'Pulicat Lake sea mouth opening'. Government of Andhra Pradesh has further informed that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project needs revision for inclusion of recommendations of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and latest schedule of rates (SOR) 2025-26 before forwarding the same to Government of India for financial assistance under Sagarmala scheme of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, and Special Assistance to State for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme of Ministry of Tourism. Timelines for completion of the project is contingent upon revision of the DPR.
