

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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PORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN TAMIL NADU

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

- (a) the details of major and minor port development projects undertaken or proposed in Tamil Nadu under Sagarmala Programme;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to ensure environmental safeguards and public consultation before undertaking port expansion projects along Tamil Nadu coastline;
- (c) the measures being taken to improve inland waterways connectivity in Tamil Nadu, particularly for cargo transport and rural development;
- (d) whether Government plans to increase funding or collaboration with Tamil Nadu Maritime Board to modernize State ports and support blue economy initiatives; and
- (e) the steps being taken to ensure local employment generation, skill development, and rehabilitation of affected fishing communities in port and coastal development zones of Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Ministry of Ports shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has sanctioned financial assistance for 24 projects worth ~Rs.1,343 crore under Sagarmala scheme in the state of Tamil Nadu. The details of projects are at annexure – 1.
- (b) As part of project development, the respective project implementing agency is required to prepare social and environment impact assessment reports to ensure due diligence is done to assess the impact of the proposed project on the community and environment.
- (c) There are 10 declared National Waterways (NWs) in the state of Tamil Nadu. As per initial feasibility report, none of the NWs in Tamil Nadu were found feasible for cargo transportation. However, 8 NWs have been indentified by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) for short distance river cruise tourism.
- (d)& (e) Government of Tamil Nadu has constituted State Maritime and Waterways Transport Committee (SMWTC) to foster collaboration between state and central agencies to ensure the comprehensive development of maritime & waterways transport in the state. Improvement in livelihood of communities in coastal area is undertaken through implementation of projects identified under coastal community development pillar of Sagarmala.

List of projects in the state of Tamil Nadu funded under Sagarmala scheme:

Sl. No	Name of Project	Implementing Agency	Status	Project Cost (Rs. Cr.)	Funds Sanctioned (Rs. Cr.)
1.	Development Truck Parking Terminal at V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority	V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority	Completed	25.00	10.00
2.	Coastal berth with depth of 10m to handle vessels up to 15,000 DWT - length 150m at V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority	V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority	Completed	36.00	30.00
3.	Coastal Cargo Berth at Chennai Port Authority, Chennai	Chennai Port Authority	Completed	80.00	30.00
4.	Construction of Breakwater both in North and South side of entrance channel and capital dredging at Cuddalore Port	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Completed	135.00	67.50
5.	Development of paved storage yard at Chennai Port Authority, Chennai	Chennai Port Authority	Completed	54.00	25.73
6.	Construction of Bunker berth at Chennai Port	Chennai Port Authority	Completed	44.00	22.00
7.	Construction of fishing harbour at Poompuhar in Nagapattinam District	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Completed	148.00	37.00
8.	Expansion of fishing harbour at Chinnamuttomin Kanyakumari District	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Completed	74.00	18.38
9.	Coastal Districts Skill Development Program - Phase I in Tamil Nadu	Ministry of Rural Development (DDU-GKY)	Completed	2.94	2.94
10.	Construction of widening the Korampallam Surplus course bridge and rail over bridge including widening of road	V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority	Completed	42.00	20.00
11.	Dredging of dock basin for coastal cargo berth at VOCPT	V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority	Completed	98.00	20.88
12.	National Technology Center for Ports- Waterways and Coasts - New Campus	IIT Chennai	Completed	77.03	39.67

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13.	Fishing harbour at Kuthakal, Kunthukul	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Completed	74.00	18.50
14.	Modern elevated steel bridge for safe transport of tourists from Vivekananda Rock to Thiruvalluvur statue, Kanyakumari	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Completed	31.05	15.53
15.	Fishing harbor at Mookaiyur in Ramanathapuram district	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Completed	113.90	28.48
16.	Creation of Berthing facilities for tourist vessels at Agni Theertham	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Under Implementation	7.58	7.58
17.	Coastal Districts Skill Development Program - Phase 2 -Tamil Nadu	Ministry of Rural Development (DDU-GKY)	Under Implementation	10.67	10.67
18.	Modernisation of Chennai Fishing Harbour Project	Chennai Port Authority	Under Implementation	97.95	48.97
19.	Creation of additional berthing facilities at VilloondiTheertham	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Under Implementation	3.66	3.66
20.	Development of Buffer Parking yard for Trailers / Trucks at the backup areas of Berth No. 24B(BD-II) in Chennai Port Authority	Chennai Port Authority	Under Implementation	52.85	39.42
21.	Upgradation of Nagapattinam Port Infrastructure for the passenger ferry service from Nagapattinam (India) to Kankesanthurai (Sri Lanka)	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Under Development	10.47	10.47
22.	Extension of passenger berthing facility at Kanyakumari Port	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Under Implementation	20.00	10.00
23.	Construction of four EXIM godown and concrete road around godown at Chennai Port	Chennai Port Authority	Under Implementation	54.34	27.17
24.	Development of paved storage yard at Marchalling Yard and JD (East) for handling EXIM cargo.	Chennai Port Authority	Under Implementation	45.90	22.95
