

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 475
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TRANS-SHIPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

475. SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:
SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:
SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA:

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

- (a) the number of under-developed trans-shipment ports identified in the country;
- (b) the number of projects approved or under implementation to reduce dependence on foreign trans-shipment hubs;
- (c) whether the Ministry has data on changes in coastal shipping volumes and cost efficiencies achieved following policy support for coastal and short-sea shipping; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Two

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The coastal shipping volume at Indian ports has shown an increase over the past few years, rising from 228 million metric tons (MMT) in 2020-21 to 336 MMT in 2024-25, reflecting growing maritime trade and the increasing importance of coastal shipping in India's logistics and transport sector.
