

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1107
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**DEVELOPMENT OF CHENNAI-KAMARAJAR-CUDDALORE CLUSTER AMONG
MEGA PORTS CLUSTER BY 2047**

1107. SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

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

- (a) whether Government has plans to develop the Chennai-Kamarajar-Cuddalore cluster as one among the six port clusters as mega ports cluster by 2047, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that under Sagarmala, 234 projects for the modernization of Indian ports at a cost of ₹2,91,622 Cr. have been undertaken for implementation and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the effective steps taken by Government to make the eastern coast in Tamil Nadu as a Port and Shipping hub in Asia, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Maritime India Vision 2030 envisions Chennai-Kamarajar-Cuddalore cluster to become Mega Port in the eastern coast by 2047. This cluster is targeted to achieve a cargo handling capacity of over 300 million tonnes per annum by the year 2047.
- (b) Under the Port Modernization pillar of Sagarmala Programme, a total of 234 projects at cost of Rs. 3,54,112 Cr. have been undertaken for implementation and out of 234 projects, 117 projects worth Rs. 40,685.61 Cr. have been completed.
- (c) The key initiative of Government includes Port Modernisation of Chennai, Ennore (Kamarajar), and Tuticorin (VO Chidambaranar) ports, and investment in infrastructure connectivity such as rail and road linkages and proposed shipbuilding cluster in Thoothukudi. Further, strategic location, deep-draft ports, and policy support aim to position Tamil Nadu as a key maritime hub in Asia.
