

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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CARGO HANDLING CAPACITY ADDITION AT PARADIP PORT

1119. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

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

- (a) the cargo-handling capacity added at Paradip Port during 2025-26 and the improvement in turnaround time for bulk carriers;
- (b) the progress of last-mile rail and road connectivity projects under Sagarmala linking Paradip Port to Odisha's mineral and industrial belt; and
- (c) the investment approved for inland-waterways development along Odisha's coastline?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The average turnaround time for bulk cargo has improved from 46.81 hours in 2024-25 to 46.57 hours in 2025-26. There is no capacity addition at Paradip Port during FY 2025-26.
- (b) The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, in consultation with Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and Ministry of Railways (MoR) has taken up rail and road connectivity projects for enhancing connectivity to Paradip Port. 12 rail and 2 road projects worth Rs. 16,778 Crore have been completed and 07 rail and 02 road projects worth Rs. 12,377 Crore are under implementation.
- (c) An investment of Rs 51.90 Crore has been approved for Inland Waterways development of community jetties and floating river cruise jetties on Brahmani Kharusa River System-NW5, River Baitarni - NW14, River Birupa - Badi Genguti - NW22 and River Mahanadi - NW64 in Odisha.
