

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1914
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PORT-LED DEVELOPMENT OF KRISHNAPATNAM INDUSTRIAL REGION

1914. SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:

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

- (a) the present status of port-led infrastructure development around Krishnapatnam Port to support Kris City, being developed by NICDIT Krishnapatnam Industrial City Development Limited, a joint venture of APIIC and NICDIT, in Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government proposes to provide additional central support for port connectivity infrastructure such as roads, rail linkages and evacuation facilities at Krishnapatnam Port, given the scale of industrial investment envisaged in the region; and
- (c) the export promotion measures being considered by Government, including under the Sagarmala Programme, to leverage Krishnapatnam Port for boosting port-led economic development in the region?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The Government is promoting port-led economic development under the Sagarmala Programme through modernisation of port infrastructure, enhancement of multimodal connectivity, reduction of logistics costs and development of industrial clusters in port hinterlands to minimise overall logistics cost.

Sagarmala programme has a dedicated pillar of port connectivity which focuses on the last mile and immediate hinterland connectivity of the ports via road, rail and inland waterways. Further, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in 2022 by reviewing connectivity of the operational ports and identified the ports which needed improvement of road and/ or rail connectivity with nearby economic hubs.

Subsequently, MoPSW in consultation with Ministry of Road Transport and Highway and Ministry of Railways has identified a total of 12 (03 Rail and 09 Road) projects for Krishnapatnam port in the state of Andhra Pradesh, out of which all rail projects worth ₹ 2212 crores have been completed and 7 road projects worth ₹ 16021.51 crores are under implementation. The list of such project is at **annexure**.

The completed and ongoing rail and road connectivity projects linked to Krishnapatnam Port are expected to improve cargo evacuation, enhance trade competitiveness, facilitate exports from the industrial region including Kris City, and promote overall port-led economic development in the region.

Annexure

The details of Project providing last mile rail and road connectivity to Krishnapatnam Port:

Sl. No.	Project Name	Cost (₹ Crore)
1	Krishnapatnam–Venkatachalam Doubling with Electrification	87
2	Rail Connectivity: Obulavaripalle–Venkatachalam	1,825
3	Rail Connectivity to South Port of Krishnapatnam Port from Gudur	300
4	4-laning of road from Nellore City to Krishnapatnam Port to NH-5 (Package-V)	700
5	4-laning of Varagali Road from Chillakur Cross to Chintawaram (Package-II)	909
6	4 to 6-laning of road connecting Krishnapatnam Port to NH-5 in SPSR Nellore District (Package-I)	315
7	6-lane road to Krishnapatnam Port from Naidupeta in Andhra Pradesh (Package-IV)	1,399
8	Construction of 4-laning of Chilakur Cross Road to Turpu Kanupuru	864.20
9	Dedicated Port Road to Krishnapatnam Port (Package-I) from Km 0.000 to Km 18.000	348.72
10	Dedicated Port Road to Krishnapatnam Port (Package-II)	604.59
11	Greenfield Road connecting North and South Industrial Clusters of Khandaleru Creek near Krishnapatnam Port	5,039
12	Upgradation of the proposed NH-67 from Bellary (Karnataka) to Krishnapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) via Naidupeta–Krishnagiri corridor	6,857
