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STATUS OF SAGARMALA PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the current status of implementation of the Sagarmala Programme across the country, State/UT-wise, including details of projects completed, under implementation and under planning, with special reference to Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under the programme during the last three financial years and the current year, project-wise;
- (c) the extent of progress made in development of port connectivity projects, coastal economic zones, inland waterways integration and logistics efficiency improvement under the programme; and
- (d) the impact assessment, if any, conducted on reduction of logistics costs, enhancement of coastal trade and employment generation due to the programme, along with findings thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
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- (a) to (b) Sagarmala scheme is a central sector scheme of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) with the target to promote port-led development in the country. Under Sagarmala scheme, the Ministry provides financial assistance for the projects under 5 pillars namely, port modernization, port connectivity, port-led industrialization, coastal community development, and coastal shipping & inland water transport. The pillar wise progress of the projects funded under Sagarmala scheme across the country and project-wise details of Tamil Nadu is available at Annexure-I. The details of funds allocated and released under the Sagarmala scheme during the last three financial years is available at Annexure-II.
- (c) Sagarmala scheme has directly contributed to coastal community development, enhanced traffic handling capacity, improved connectivity, employment generation, and economic growth.

The key outcomes, inter alia, of the completed projects funded under the current Sagarmala scheme are as under:

- i. 11 fishing harbour projects have resulted in improving fishing infrastructure, thereby benefitting more than 35,000 fishermen.
- ii. Development of coastal berths has increased cargo handling capacity by 6.35 million tons per annum (MTPA).
- iii. 25 coastal shipping and inland waterways projects have promoted modal shift from road and rail to waterways thereby lowering logistics costs.
- iv. 17 Ro-Pax and passenger ferry projects have facilitated movement of over 50 lakh passengers and 13 lakh vehicles (including 2 lakh commercial trucks) thereby boosting local transport, improving trade, and reducing carbon emission.

(d) An independent third party impact evaluation of Sagarmala scheme has been done by National Productivity Council (NPC). The report summarises broad outcomes of the scheme wherein projects have directly contributed to employment generation, improved incomes, improved turnaround times and increased cargo handling capacity of ports. All these measures and interventions have resulted into reduction in logistics costs. The completion of the projects funded under Sagarmala scheme worth ₹ 3,530 crore is expected to generate employment of about 20,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Annexure I

Details of Completed and under Implementation projects pillar wise under Sagarmala Scheme

a. Across the country:

Pillars	Completed projects		Under implementation projects		Total MoPSW Share (₹ Cr)	Total Fund Released (₹ Cr)
	Number	Cost (₹ Cr)	Number	Cost (₹ Cr)		
Coastal Shipping and IWT	25	1178.5	17	1167.7	1049.65	909.58
Coastal Community Development	19	1912.6	28	3008.4	2050.14	1165.12
Port Modernization	18	870.2	6	160.8	639.16	616.99
Port Connectivity	17	1413.2	3	201.3	406.56	378.69
Grand Total	79	5374.5	54	4538.2	4145.51	3070.39

b. Status of projects across Tamil Nadu:

Sl. No.	Project Name	Implementing Agency	Project Pillar	Project Status	Project Cost (₹ Cr)	MoPSW Share (₹ Cr)	Fund Released (₹ Cr)
1	Upgradation of Nagapattinam Port Infrastructure for the passenger ferry service from Nagapattinam (India) to Kankesanthurai (Sri Lanka)	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Coastal Shipping and IWT	Under Implementation	10.47	10.47	9.62
2	Creation of Berthing facilities for the tourist vessels at	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Coastal Shipping and IWT	Under Implementation	7.58	7.58	7.21

	Agni Theertham, Tamil Nadu'.						
3	Creation of additional berthing facilities for the tourist vessels at Villondi Theertham, Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Coastal Shipping and IWT	Under Implementation	3.66	3.66	1.79
4	DDUGKY Phase II Tamil Nadu	Ministry of Rural Development (DDUGKY)	Coastal Community Development	Under Implementation	10.67	3.66	3.37
5	Modernization and up-gradation of Chennai Fishing Harbour".	Chennai Port Authority	Coastal Community Development	Under Implementation	97.95	48.97	44.39
6	Development of Passenger jetty at Kanyakumari	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Coastal Shipping and IWT	Under Implementation	20.00	10.00	9.50
7	Development and Operation of a full-fledged Truck Parking Terminal adjacent to NH7A opposite to Fisheries college at V. O . Chidambaranar	V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority	Port Modernization	Completed	23.69	10.00	10.00
8	Coastal berth with dredged depth of 10.0m to handle vessels up to 15000 DWT -length 150m at VoCPT	V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority	Coastal Shipping and IWT	Completed	36.00	29.99	29.99
9	Coastal Cargo Berth at ChPT	Chennai Port Authority	Coastal Shipping and IWT	Completed	80.00	30.08	30.08

10	Construction of Breakwater both in North and South side of entrance channel- Berth-1- Berth-2 and Capital Dredging at Cuddalore Port -From entrance channel till cargo berths	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Port Modernization	Completed	135.00	67.50	67.50
11	Development of paved storage yard at Chennai Port for handling export cargo	Chennai Port Authority	Port Modernization	Completed	51.46	25.73	25.73
12	Construction of Bunker berth at Chennai Port	Chennai Port Authority	Port Modernization	Completed	44.00	22.00	22.00
13	Construction of a fishing harbour at Poompuhar in Nagapattinam District in Tamil Nadu	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Coastal Community Development	Completed	148.00	37.00	37.00
14	Expansion of fishing harbour at Chidambaram in Kanyakumari District in Tamil Nadu	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Coastal Community Development	Completed	74.00	18.38	18.38
15	DDUGKY Phase I Tamil Nadu	Ministry of Rural Development (DDUGKY)	Coastal Community Development	Completed	2.94	0.59	0.59
16	Construction of widening the Korampallam Surplus course bridge and rail over bridge - RoB including wi	V. O. Chidambaram Port Authority	Port Connectivity	Completed	41.55	20.00	20.00

	dening of road from western boundary to TTPS						
17	Dredging the dock basin for coastal cargo berth at V OCPT -Dredging in front of dedicated coastal berth	V. O. Chidambaram Port Authority	Port Modernization	Completed	98.00	20.89	20.89
18	National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCP WC) at IIT Madras.	IIT Chennai	Coastal Community Development	Completed	77.03	39.67	39.67
19	Fishing harbor at Mookaiyur in Ramanathapuram district in Tamil Nadu	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Coastal Community Development	Completed	113.90	28.48	28.48
20	Construction of fish landing centre at Kunthukal in Ramanathapuram District of Tamil Nadu.	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Coastal Community Development	Completed	74.00	18.50	16.65
21	Modern elevated steel bridge for safe transport of tourists from Vivekananda Rock to Thiruvalluvur statue	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Port Connectivity	Completed	37.00	15.53	15.53
22	Development of Buffer Parking yard for Trailers / Trucks at the back up areas of Berth No. 24B(BD-II) i	Chennai Port Authority	Port Modernization	Completed	49.06	39.42	39.42

	n Chennai Port A uthority						
23	Construction of f our EXIM godow ns and concrete ro ads around EXIM godowns at Chen nai Port	Chennai Port Authority	Port Conne ctivity	Under I mplemen tation	54.34	27.17	21.74
24	Development of p aved storage yard at marshalling yar d and JD (east) ba ck up area for han dling EXIM carg oes	Chennai Port Authority	Port Moder nization	Under I mplemen tation	45.90	22.95	21.80
Total					1,336.2	558.22	541.33

Annexure II

Budgetary allocation and utilisation of funds under Sagarmala scheme:

Year	Budgetary allocation (₹ Cr.)	Funds utilisation (₹ Cr.)
2023-24	368	349
2024-25	459	424
2025-26	463	449
