GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 651 ANSWERED ON 09/12/2022

DEVELOPMENT OF PUDUCHERRY PORT

651. SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state: पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) the present status of development of Puducherry Port under Sagarmala Scheme; and
- (b) the time by which Puducherry port is expected to be completed and become operational for cargo movement?

ANSWER

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

- (a) &(b) Government of India under Sagarmala Programme is assisting Government of Puducherry for development of Puducherry Port. The project has three phases. Under Phase I, Ministry has released Rs.24.70 Crore in two instalments to take up part of Phase- I development comprising of two works i.e.
 - Capital Dredging of 7,30,000 cu. m.
 - Construction of Barrier between Drainage channel and Navigational channel.

The work of Capital Dredging was commenced on 22.02.2021. 91% of the work has been carried out. On completion of Capital Dredging and after North East monsoon is over, Cargo handling operation is expected to commence by January 2023 in Puducherry Port.
