

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 680
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022

DEVELOPMENT OF COASTAL MARITIME TRANSPORT

680. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any steps/initiatives to develop coastal maritime transport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the amount of funds sanctioned and released for development of coastal maritime transport, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of operational and ongoing projects for coastal maritime transport, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) Yes Sir, water transport being economical as well as eco-friendly mode of transport, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways under Sagarmala programme has undertaken Ro-Ro/Ro-Pax projects across several routes. Further, In order to encourage a modal shift, Coastal vessels are being provided a discount of 40% in port charges over foreign going vessels. Other measures such as reduction of GST on bunker fuel from 18 percent to 5 percent, Cabotage relaxation for cargo vessels, integration of inland and coastal cargo, Subsidy support to Indian shipping companies, Green channel clearance for coastal cargoes and priority berthing for coastal vessels at major ports are some of the efforts to promote coastal shipping and coastal marine transport.

(c) and (d) Under Sagarmala Programme, Gol is providing assistance for construction or upgradation of exclusive coastal berths, platforms or jetties, mechanization of coastal berth, and capital dredging. State wise details of completed and proposed infrastructure projects for Ro-Ro & Ro-Pax ferry along with funds sanctioned and released under Sagarmala Programme is annexed (Annexure).

Annexure

State	Project Completed	Under Implementation	Under Development	Funds Sanctioned (in cr)	Funds released (in cr)
Andhra Pradesh	1	1		40	35
Goa			1	10	5
Gujarat	1	2	4	414.32	160.16
Karnataka		1	5	146.2	25
Kerala	1			7.24	6.52
Maharashtra	9	12	11	484	208.3
Odisha			3	79.98	0
Tamil Nadu	2	1	1	70	64.94
Grand Total	14	16	25	1251.10	505.00
