

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1392  
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023

**CREATION OF MEGA PORTS**

1392. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR.SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government has identified three trans-shipment hubs for better port connectivity in the country under its ambitious master plan to create maximum megaports by 2047.
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the ports in Kochi and Vizhinjam in Kerala as well as Galathea Bay in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are shortlisted in the first round to be developed as mega ports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it's true that nearly 75 percent of India's Trans-shipment cargo is handled at ports outside the country; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) Presently, three proposals namely developing Galathea Bay at Great Nicobar Islands, development of Cochin Port into Transshipment facility have been taken up by the Government of India. This apart, the State Government of Kerala in association with Private Investor and partial financial support from the Ministry of Finance (Government of India) is also developing a Transshipment project at Vizhinjam in Kerala.

(e) to (f) Currently, nearly 75% of India's transshipped cargo is handled at ports outside India including Ports of Colombo, Singapore and Klang. The Government has taken up above three proposed transshipment projects with the aim to increase the percentage of Indian cargo transshipment handled by Indian Ports. This would help save on forex, being lost on account of transshipment at foreign Ports, and encourage foreign direct investment. Further, such development would increase economic activity at other Indian Ports, enhance logistics infrastructure and thus, operational efficiencies, employment generation, and increased revenue share.

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