

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3939  
ANSWERED ON 24/03/2023

**COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO PROMOTE MARINE ECONOMY**

3939. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

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

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- (a) whether the Government is focusing on enabling the coastal areas development, improve coastal infrastructure and protect & promote marine economy and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has planned to cover Assam under this project, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of estimated funds to implement this project including the target set to complete these projects; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a), (b) and (c) Yes Sir, coastal development projects across the country have been identified by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. These include projects from various categories such as modernisation of existing ports and terminals, new ports/ terminals, RoRo/ RoPax& tourism jetties, enhancement of port connectivity, inland waterways, lighthouse tourism, industrialization around ports, skill development, technology centres etc. These projects are being implemented by the Central Line Ministries/ Departments, State Governments/ Departments and Major ports etc.

Under Sagarmala Programme, 10 Projects at an estimated cost of Rs. 1013 Cr. have been identified in the state of Assam for enhancing the infrastructure related to National Waterways Development and connectivity. These projects are being implemented by Inland Waterways Authority of India and NHIDCL.

(d) Institutional framework for Sagarmala Project has been approved by the Cabinet. At the top of the framework, A National Sagarmala Apex Committee has been envisaged for overall policy guidance and high level coordination, and to review aspect of planning and implementation of the plan and projects. The committee has been empowered to provide policy direction, guidance for the initiative implantation and review the progress of implementation of maritime plan.

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