

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 4980  
ANSWERED ON 31/03/2023

**UPGRADATION PORT INFRASTRUTURE**

4980. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:  
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- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for the upgradation of the country's port infrastructure and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has identified critical infrastructure gaps in port connectivity that would be taken on a priority basis and their implementation would be reviewed periodically to complete them on fasttrack; and
- (c) if so, the number of ports identified in connection with critical infrastructure gaps in port connectivity in the country, State-wise particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Yes Sir. The Sagarmala is a flagship Programme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. It aims to promote port-led development in the country through harnessing India's 7,500 km long coastline and 14,500 km of potentially navigable waterways. The vision is to reduce logistics cost with minimal infrastructure investment, thereby improving the overall efficiency of the economy and increasing competitiveness of exports. There are 802 projects worth investment of Rs. 5.4 Lakh crore for implementation under the Sagarmala Programme by 2035. These projects are categorized into five pillars – port modernization, port connectivity, port-led industrialization, coastal community development and coastal shipping & inland water transport.

(b) & (c) Yes Sir. Based on consultation with Major Ports and State Maritime Boards, 107 last mile road and rail connectivity infrastructure gaps have been identified and included in the Comprehensive Port Connectivity Plan (CPCP) prepared by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in September 2022. State Multimodal Committees have been formed which has representatives from Major Ports, State Maritime Boards, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways / National Highway Authority of India and Ministry of Railways to review the projects periodically. State wise list of the infrastructure gaps is given as **Annexure**.

State wise number of Port rail and road Infrastructure Gaps.

<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Infrastructure Gaps</b>
Andhra Pradesh	14
Gujarat	19
Karnataka	19
Kerala	5
Maharashtra	31
Odisha	8
Tamil Nadu	7
West Bengal	4
Total	107

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