2592. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:  
SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:  
DR. BHARATIBEN DHIRUBHAI SHIYAL:  

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

(a) the present status of progress on the construction of the National Maritime Heritage Complex Lothal being constructed at Gandhinagar in Gujarat including the date by which the said work is likely to be completed;  
(b) the manner in which the said heritage complex is likely to be effective in learning the maritime history of India; and  
(c) the estimated cost likely to be incurred on the construction of the said heritage complex and the area of land in acres required therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) The construction of phase 1A of the project is in full swing and physical progress of nearly 35% has been achieved and the same is targeted to be completed by 2024.  

(b) The complex will comprise of 14 galleries which will consolidate all diverse and vibrant maritime artefacts from ancient to modern times and the maritime history of India will be showcased through edutainment approach using latest technology.  

(c) An estimated cost of Rs. 573.12 crore has been approved for Phase-1A of the project and landadmeasuring 400 acres has been earmarked for the project.

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