

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1003
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PROGRESS OF PROJECTS IN SAGARMALA PROGRAMME

1003. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

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

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- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the progress of various projects undertaken as part of Sagarmala programme in the State of Kerala, if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps for the implementation of Maritime Museum project in Alappuzha as part of Sagarmala project utilizing Rs. 250 crore;
- (c) whether the Government has been able to erect external lifts for the light houses in Alappuzha, Manakkodam and Valiyazheekkal, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government intends to provide financial assistance for the development of Alappuzha as a Marina cum Cargo Port beach, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir, Government has reviewed the progress of various projects undertaken as part of Sagarmala programme in the State of Kerala on periodic basis. Further, Ministry constituted Maritime States Development Council (MSDC), an apex advisory body for the development of maritime sector and aims to ensure development of Major and Ports Other than Major Ports (Non-Major Ports). Till date, nineteen meetings of MSDC have been held with State Governments including Kerala. The last meeting of MSDC was held on 19.08.2023.

(b) Coastal Community Development is one the aims of Sagarmala Programme. Till date, no formal proposal, as per Sagarmala Funding Guidelines, has been received from State Government of Kerala for development of Maritime Museum project in Alappuzha.

(c) The detailed status of external lifts for the light houses in Alappuzha, Manakkodam and Valiyazheekkal is annexed [Annexure-I]

(d) Project which are aligned to the objectives of Sagarmala Programme (port modernisation & efficiency improvement, port connectivity enhancement, port-led industrialisation and coastal community development) are considered for funding under Sagarmala Scheme. The project 'Development of Alappuzha as a Marina cum Cargo Port beach' is aligned with the objective of Sagarmala Scheme.

Alappuzha Lighthouse

A feasibility study was conducted through Government Engineering College, Thrissur. As per the feasibility report, proposal for installation of external lift was finalised and the Central Government sanctioned Rs. 2.53 Crores for its execution. Prior to commencement of construction works, NOC was obtained for the work from Municipal Secretary, Alappuzha However, The District Town Planner, LSGD Planning, Civil Station, Alappuzha rejected the application for NOC. Due to non-issuance of NOC from town planner, the work for installation of external lift facility at Alappuzha Lighthouse is kept in abeyance.

Valiyazhikkal Lighthouse

The Valiyazhikkal lighthouse has been constructed with Internal Lift facility and commissioned on 30.10. 2021. The existing internal lift facility is in operation and facilitates ease access for the visitors to have spectacular view from the top of lighthouse tower.

Manakkodam Lighthouse

The existing lighthouse tower was established in the year 1979. The existing lighthouse tower is not feasible to have internal or external lift facility.
