

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2149**  
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023

**ESTABLISHMENT OF PORT SECURITY**

2149. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

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

**पत्तन, पोतपरिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop Hydrogen Hubs across both the Central Government and State Government ports;
- (b) if so, the details of the establishment of the Bureau of Port Security, State-wise and the specific measures it plans to implement to enhance security across all ports in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the manner in which the elements of the Port Master Plans for 2047 and these plans aligned with the overall vision for the maritime sector's development?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Three Major Ports i.e. Deendayal Port Authority in Gujarat, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Authority in Tamil Nadu and Paradip Port Authority in Odisha are working on the development of these Ports as Hydrogen Hubs.
- (b) to (d) The development of Hydrogen Hubs is not related to the establishment of the Bureau of Port Security.

All the 12 Major Ports and 51 of the 239 Non-Major Ports are International Ships and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code compliant. ISPS is an international

requirement for ships and ports dealing with international/EXIM trade. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is working on notifying the Merchant Shipping (ISPS) Rules, 2023 as per the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 to provide the legal mandate to the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) to conduct a security audit of all the Ports as per ISPS code.

(e) The Major Port Master Plans have been aligned with the overall vision for the maritime sector's development including cargo projections i.e. considering future industrialization in the hinterland, land use planning and optimization, connectivity gaps, hinterland multi-modal connectivity, future fuels such as LNG/Hydrogen, warehousing, etc. for the achievement of efficient logistics and enhancing economic development.

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