

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.982**  
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023

**NEW PARTNERSHIP IN TRADE RELATIONS**

982. SHRI TIRATH SINGH RAWAT:  
SHRI CHUNNI LAL SAHU:

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

**पत्तन, पोतपरिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government has entered or proposes to enter into new partnership to augment trade relations of the Northern, Western and Central regions of India with the international markets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the recent initiatives taken by the Government to enter into such a strategic partnership?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Ports are moving towards PPP model wherein the terminals/berths are operated by Private Operators who have experience in international terminal/berth operations. These concessionaires act as a link towards augmenting trade relations between hinterland and international market through shipping lines. Currently, 51 PPP projects of more than ₹ 40,000 Crore are operational contributing to a capacity of approximately 550 MTPA and 56.5% cargo handled at Major Ports. The Ministry has identified 81 PPP Projects. Out of them, 14 Projects of value INR 10,750 Crore have been awarded.

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