

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1342**  
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2024

**ENHANCEMENT OF PORT CONNECTIVITY**

1342. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

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- (a) whether the Government has identified logistical bottlenecks in the performance of ports on the eastern coast of the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the enhancement of port connectivity is also aimed to connect landlocked States to ports in the coastal States and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Yes. A Comprehensive Port Connectivity Plan (CPCP) has been prepared by DPIIT in 2022 in consultation with M/o Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Ministry of Railways (MoR) and Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and State Maritime Boards. CPCP has identified more than 100 new connectivity infrastructure gaps, out of which 33 road and rail projects have been identified to enhance connectivity of ports on the Eastern coast.

(b) The projects taken up under the Sagarmala Program and those identified in the CPCP focus on the last mile and immediate hinterland connectivity of the ports. Also, a report on 'Connectivity of Ports to Industrial Nodes' has been prepared by MoPSW, wherein an assessment and gap analysis of connectivity of the seaports vis-a-viz all the existing and upcoming nodes under different industrial corridors under NICDIT, including industrial nodes in landlocked States, has been done.

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