

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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EXPORTS FROM COASTAL PORTS

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

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- (a) the average time taken for export of Fisheries from Indian ports along with the losses incurred due to delay in such exports;
- (b) whether the Government is considering any plan to reduce the time taken in export of perishable products from the ports in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to create clusters for port development; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) The average time taken for the processed seafood consignment (in reefer containers) to reach the ports from the processing plants varies depending on the location of the processing plant and location of the port. The processing plants and cold storages are located in all 9 maritime states and the seafood consignments are shipped through Ports viz Kolkata, Vizag, Kakinada, Krishnapattinam, Chennai, Tuticorin, Cochin, JNPT Mumbai, Pipavav (Gujarat), Mangalore/ ICD, Kattupally. The average time taken for consignments to reach the port from the processing plant varies from 2 hours to 12 hours depending on the distance from the processing unit to Port.

(b) (c) & (d) Sagarmala programme was launched with the approval of the Union Cabinet on 25th March 2015 with a view to achieve the broad objective of promoting port-led development. One of the objectives of Sagarmala programme is to reduce logistics cost for both domestic and EXIM cargo with optimized infrastructure investment. Under Sagarmala, Port-led development focuses on logistics intensive industries supported by efficient and modern port infrastructure and seamless multi modal connectivity. Till date, a total 171 projects worth Rs. 4525 Cr. have been included under Sagarmala scheme for partial funding. Out of 171 projects, 55 projects have been completed. The projects sanctioned include modernisation and upgradation of fishing harbours adjacent to Major Ports at Mallet Bunder, Visakhapatnam, Cochin, Paradip and Chennai.