

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *377
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2020

KOLKATA PORT TRUST

*377. SHRIMATI MAHUA MOITRA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether there is a large waterway under the control of Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT);
- (b) whether most of the work regarding development of ports along the Hooghly River Waterfront is prevented due to the policies and procedures of KoPT;
- (c) whether KoPT does not have much land left with it for further port development; and
- (d) the action being taken by the Ministry to open up Kolkata Port Trust in line with the action taken by Inland Waterways Authority of India?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

- (a)to(d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *377 to be answered on 19.03.2020 regarding Kolkata Port Trust by Shrimati Mahua Moitra.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Adequate land is available with Kolkata Port Trust (KoPT) for further development of Port and other related activities.

(d) Inland Waterways Authority of India(IWAI) under the Ministry of Shipping is developing National Waterways (NW) with the objective to provide infrastructure for safe navigation of inland vessels and logistics activities viz. cargo handling, warehousing etc. Kolkata Port is located on NW-1 (Ganga) and also connected to NW- 2 (Brahmaputra) through Sunderbans and Bangladesh. The NW-1 (Ganga - Bhagirathi - Hooghly river system) is currently under development with technical and financial assistance from World Bank. Multiple interventions, such as, fairway development, three multimodal terminals (including one at Haldia) , New Lock Gate at Farakka, navigational aids etc. are being carried out. Traffic on NW-1 is projected to increase manyfold in the next three to four years. Kolkata Port Trust's operation and management is being carried out as per the provisions of Major Port Trusts Act, 1963. In the last 3 years KoPT has awarded 14 projects at a cost of Rs.1902.95 crores for additional capacity of 6.63 MTPA. Total capacity of KoPT as on February, 2020 is 82.57 MTPA. Whereas, it handled a total traffic of 63.76 MT during 2018-19. KoPT also significantly improved its functioning and achieved financial turn around by generating net surplus of Rs.65 crores after a gap of 10 years.
