GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1599
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2021

DRY PORTS IN WEST BENGAL

1599. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to boost trade in the country by creating dry ports and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether any dry port has been created in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) Yes, Sir. Existing policy of the Government of India encourages setting up of Inland Container Depots (ICDs) which are also known as dry ports. The policy prescribes norms to be met and approval is facilitated by an Inter-Ministerial Committee comprising, inter alia, Ministry of Commerce, Department of Revenue & Ministry of Railways. As per information available with Ministry of Railways, Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR), a Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE) under Ministry of Railways Currently has 43 dry ports spread across the country besides a large number of dry ports owned by other private companies.

(b) As per information collected, there are 3 ICDs in West Bengal. These are at:

(1) Majherhat, Kolkata owned by CONCOR,

(2) Durgapur owned by M/s Allied ICD Services Limited (AISL); and

(3) New Jalpaiguri developed by The Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA) and run by M/s Pristine Hindustan Infra Projects Private Limited.

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