

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1838  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021

**GREEN FREIGHT CORRIDOR**

1838. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to launch a Green Freight Corridor to improve coastal trading along the Eastern coast; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) No Sir. However efforts are being made to make coastal shipping more economical and effective
- (b) The steps taken to promote coastal shipping includes:
- (i) licensing relaxation to foreign flag vessels for carrying trans-shipment containers, empty containers, fertilizers and agricultural, fisheries, animal husbandry and horticultural commodities on coastal routes;
- (ii) minimum 40% discount is offered by major ports on vessel and cargo related charges to coastal vessels;
- (iii) prioritization in berthing of coastal ships at major ports, subsidy to Indian flagged vessels for carrying Public Sector Units' cargo; and
- (iv) GST Reduced on Bunker Fuel from 18% to 5%

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