

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2893
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2021

NATIONAL PORT GRID

2893. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:
SHRIMATI RITA BAHUGUNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:
पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any specific proposal/ policy/ plan/ strategy/scheme to develop a National Port Grid connecting the big and small ports of the country;
- (b) if so, the details along with the beneficial outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it will have any environmental impact and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether such a move will require creation of additional infrastructure and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The Ministry constituted Maritime States Development Council (MSDC) in the year 1997 for creating a synergy between Major Ports and Minor Ports. It is an Apex Advisory Body for the development of Maritime Sector which aims to ensure integrated development of Major and Non-Major Ports. MSDC monitors development of Minor Ports, Captive Ports and Private Ports in the Maritime States with a view to ensure that their integrated development with Major Ports and to assess their needs of other infrastructure requirements like Roads, Rail, IWT and make suitable recommendation to the concerned Ministries/Departments. In order to synergize the activities between Major Ports and Non-Major Ports, a Committee has been constituted in the Ministry. The committee has been entrusted with responsibility to analyze the prospects and support required by non-operational non-major ports for their development into operational port.
