GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*337 ANSWERED ON 25/03/2022

DISASTER RESILIENT PORTS IN ODISHA

*337. SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

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

- (a) whether any measures have been taken and implemented to make the ports in Odisha disaster resilient and environment friendly, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any funds are allocated by the Government to repair the ports damaged due to calamities in the State, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any authority has been deputed to oversee the fund allocation and measures taken to mitigate effects of disaster on ports and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken or plans to undertake a study to analyse health of the coastal region in Odisha affected by construction of ports and if so, the details thereof:

ANSWER

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

(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. *337 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th MARCH, 2022 RAISED BY SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI REGARDING "DISASTER RESILIENT PORTS IN ODISHA".

(a) Paradip Port is a Major Port in the State of Odisha. Indian Register of Shipping has carried out risk assessment of Paradip Port and in the month of February, 2021 prepared the Disaster Management Plan as per the Template provided by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). Paradip port is ready with the equipments and standard operating procedures (SOPs) as per disaster management plan (DMP), cyclone contingency plan and oil spill contingency plan.

The Non-Major Ports are under the jurisdiction of respective State Government. At present 02 (Two) Non- Major Ports i.e. Dhamra and Gopalpur are functioning in the state of Odisha. At Dhamra Port, a Disaster Management team along with Disaster Management Plan has been formed to ensure management and safety of personnel and equipment during disaster. Gopalpur Port has taken many precautionary measures to protect the port infrastructure from disaster which includes physical model studies during design of breakwater and quality control parameters and procedures as per the relevant standards to validate structural durability of berths.

- (b) & (c) Yes Sir, An amount of Rs. 68. 50 crs. was sanctioned as grant in aid by Government of India for relief and re-construction of Paradip port in the wake of super cyclone during 29th & 30th October, 1999.
- (d) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change), Government of India has prepared a report namely; National Assessment of Shoreline Change; Odisha Coast during the year 2011. The report has made assessment of erosion along the coastal stretches of Odisha Further, in order to ensure sustainable development of Ports, Maritime India Vision (MIV) 2030 was released which envisages development of ports with safeguard for environment protection by adopting sustainable methodologies.
