

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2177
ANSWERED ON 29/07/2022

PROMOTE MARINE ECONOMY

2177. DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop and improve infrastructure in coastal areas to protect and promote the marine economy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has recently held any discussion and decided upon the various challenges and opportunities with various stakeholders regarding the marine sector in the country;
- (d) if so, the details of the suggestions shared during such a review towards promotion and protection of the sector, particularly India's blue economy; and
- (e) the details of the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Sagarmala programme is the flagship programme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to promote port-led development in the country through harnessing India's 7,500 km long coastline, 14,500 km of potentially navigable waterways and strategic location on key international maritime trade routes. As a part of Sagarmala Programme, more than 800 projects at an estimated cost of around 5.5 lakh crore have been identified for implementation.

Currently there are 77 Coastal Community Development projects under Sagarmala Programme worth Rs.10,188 Cr. out of which 19 projects worth Rs. 1,450 Cr. have already been completed. While 58 projects worth Rs. 8,738 Cr. are under various stages of development and implementation.

The coastal community development includes project with respect to Fisheries (expansion and upgradation/ construction/ modernisation of Fishing harbours, River mouth dredging, Fish processing centre, Fish landing centre), Skill Development (Skill & Multi skill development centre, Marine engineering and training institutes) and Technology centres.

(c) to (e) The Ministry carried out detailed consultations with the maritime State Governments, UT Administrations, State Maritime Boards, Major Ports, District Collectors and Members of Parliament representing the coastal districts/constituencies. After consultations, under holistic development of coastal districts, a total of 567 projects with an estimated cost of around Rs. 58,000cr have been identified. These projects are across four major categories i.e., Coastal Infrastructure Development, Coastal Tourism, Coastal Industrial Development and Coastal Community Development. Further, stakeholders consultations are also held through the Maritime states development council (MSDC) and National Sagarmala Apex Committee (NSAC) meetings.
