

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3262
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DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE

3262. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) the details of the current projects underway for the development of infrastructure at the Chennai Port;
- (b) the details of the steps being taken to upgrade the Cruise Terminal(s) upto the international standards and details thereof;
- (c) the details of the steps being taken to improve the port trade and logistics and the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the allocation of budget towards developing the ports in Tamil Nadu along with the projects proposed, funds allocated, expected project outcomes and the year of completion?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The details of 'Development of Infrastructure' at Chennai Port Authority, V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority and Kamarajar Port Limited, in Tamil Nadu, is annexed.

Annexure

There are three (03) Major Ports, administered by the Government in the state of Tamil Nadu i.e., Chennai Port Authority, V O Chidambaranar Port Authority and Kamarajar Port Limited.

Chennai Port Authority (ChPA)

(a) & (d) (i) Construction of Bunker Berth at Bharathi Dock (Est. Cost Rs.44Cr):
Construction of 182m long and 16.45m wide Bunker Berth at Bharathi Dock with 175m long pipeline trestle, to accommodate three-tier pipe racks capable of carrying 4 Nos. 300mm dia pipeline in each tier, is in progress to enable handling of Bunker Tankers up to 10000DWT.

Budget allocation in BE 2022-23 Rs.5.00 lakhs

Funding: GBS Sanctioned (under Sagarmala): Rs.22 Cr.;

Balance: through Internal Resource.

Outcome (Capacity Addition): 1MTPA

Expected time of completion: October, 2022.

(ii) Development of Paved Storage Yards at Chennai Port (Est. Cost Rs.54Cr):

The major component of work i.e., "Construction of Paved Storage Yards" completed in May, 2019. The ancillary works included in the overall estimate for this project viz., Electrical works, procurement of rails & Storm water drain etc., were completed in Sep,2020. Balance ancillary work Providing Pavement and laying Railway Track at ONB Yard & JD(E) Backup area at Chennai Port an Estimated cost of Rs.4.56Cr. is in progress.

Budget allocation in BE 2022-23 Rs.3.49Cr.

Funding: GB Sanctioned: Rs.27 Cr, under Sagarmala.

Expected time of completion: May, 2023.

(b) Under the Financial assistance of Rs.17.24 Crores sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism, the existing Passenger Terminal at WQ IV at Chennai Port Trust has been modernized at overall cost of Rs.17.21 crores and the state of the art Passenger Cum Cruise Terminal with International standards was inaugurated on 12.10.2018.

(c) Chennai Port has taken/is taking the following steps to improve connectivity:

i. Elevated corridor from Chennai Port to Maduravoyal project is being implemented through EPC mode and NHAI is the implementing agency.

ii. Chennai Port has developed a common Railway yard in the west of the existing Western Yard of the Port Marshalling Yard at a total cost of Rs.19.5 crores.

iii. 8 lane gate complex at Gate no.1 and four lane internal roads.

- iv. Installation of the Mobile Scanner on 23.09.2014 and the Fixed Scanner on 09.07.2016.
- v. Two yard blocks each are earmarked for handling DPD/DPE containers at CCTPL and CITPL.
- vi. A MoA signed on 03.10.2018, between the Chennai Port Trust & NICDC Logistics Data Services Limited (NLDS) to enable users to track the containers on real time basis at Chennai Port Container terminals.
- vii. Coastal berth with 9m draft was commissioned in October 2019
- viii. The MOU between Chennai Port Trust and ICD, Tondiarpet (CONCOR) for-extended gate facility has been extended for a further period of two years from 05.05.21 to achieve 80% target fixed by Ministry for DPD/DPE container movement.
- ix. A Parking Yard situated near the Chennai Port at Thiruvottiyur (TVT) has been declared as an extended gate of Chennai Port for Direct Port Entry (DPE) of export containers
- x. Refurbishing of covered warehouse inside the port at the cost of Rs.10.98 crores.
- xi. Extension of concession ranging from 20-50 % for foreign going containers vessels and upfront concession of 70% in vessel related charges for coastal vessels carrying 100 TEUs or more of Exim laden transshipment containers per voyage.

V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOCPA)

- (a) Not Applicable
- (b) Presently, no Coastal/Foreign cruise vessels call at VOC Port. The Passenger terminal in VOC Port has adequate facility to handle the passengers. The Passenger terminal may be upgraded at par with the international standards on need basis.
- (c) Port is undertaking various measures to improve the traffic and the logistics:
 - i. Introduced Integrated Incentive Scheme 2022-23 to attract container cargo, transshipment cargo, new bulk and break bulk cargo.
 - ii. Widening the Port entrance for safe movement of post panamax vessels. Facilitated supply of bunkers to vessels through barges.
 - iii. Installation of Rail In-motion weighbridge.
 - iv. Developed and extended the Custom bound area by 50000 sqm for stacking of transit Cargo.
 - v. Promoting Port led industrialization through Tuticorin SPEEDZ. flagship programme under Sagarmala-Coastal Employment Unit(CEU) at VOC Port.

(d) The proposed projects for development and expansion of cargo handling capacity at VOC Port are:

- i. Mechanization of NCB III including dredging to handle Bulk cargo on DBFOT basis at a cost of Rs. 356.39 Crores and expected period of completion is January, 2025.
- ii. Conversion of Berth 1 to 4 as container berth at a cost of Rs. 3833 Crores and expected period of completion is October, 2025.
- iii. Outer Harbour Development for Container Berths including Dredging the Channel at a cost of Rs. 7164 Crores and expected period of completion is January, 2027.

All these projects are being implemented through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

Kamarajar Port Limited (KPL)

(a) Not applicable.

(b) KPL master plan does not envisage for development/ Upgradation of cruise terminal facilities.

(c)& (d) KPL has been implementing the following projects to improve the port trade and logistics:

- i. Construction of Automobile Export/ Import Terminal-II at Kamarajar Port at a cost of Rs.149.36 Crores for addition of 3 MTPA capacity and expected period of completion is 2023-24.
- ii. Captive Oil Jetty by IOCL at a cost of Rs.921.00 Crores for addition of 3 MTPA capacity and expected period of completion is 2024-25.
- iii. Doubling of Existing Southern Rail Connectivity from Holding Yard I to Container Terminal at a cost of Rs.86.50 Crores and Development of Southern Port Access Road at a cost of Rs.195.00 Crores and expected period of completion of both projects is 2022-23. These will ease congestion, result in hassle free evacuation of cargo and better road connectivity to port.
