

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1979**  
ANSWERED ON – 02/08/2024

**KALUGHAT TERMINAL**

1979. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Kalughat terminal has been constructed and inaugurated in the district of Saran in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details and the cost thereof;
- (c) whether the Kalughat could not become operational in the absence of flow of water through the channel and hence the investment remains dead, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is taking any steps to make Kalughat terminal operational and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) An intermodal terminal at Kalughat in Saran district of Bihar has been constructed @ cost of Rs. 82.48 crore and inaugurated in February, 2024. The capacity of the terminal is 77000TEU per annum with berthing structure of 125 m length X 30 m width. It also has container storage yard. The Terminal is connected to NH 19.
- (c) Siltation of river bed is a natural phenomenon which is addressed through maintenance dredging. The contract for Fairway Maintenance of Kalughat Access Channel (12.5Km) has been awarded and the work is ongoing.
- (d) To operationalize the terminal, Operation & Maintenance Operator has already been engaged by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).

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