

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
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REVIEW OF PORT INFRASTRUCTURE

2012. SHRI BASTIPATI NAGARAJU:

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

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- (a) whether the Government has any proposal of upgradation of the country's port infrastructure, in a major push to ease bottlenecks in logistics and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has identified critical infrastructure gaps in port connectivity that would be taken on a priority basis and their implementation would be reviewed periodically to complete them on fast track; and
- (c) if so, the number of identified critical infrastructure gaps in port connectivity in the country, particularly in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) Sagarmala is a flagship programme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways aims 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. The vision of Sagarmala is to reduce logistics cost with minimal infrastructure investment, thereby improving the overall efficiency of the economy and increasing competitiveness of exports. The projects under Sagarmala Programme are categorized into five pillars – port modernization, port connectivity, port-led industrialization, coastal community development and coastal shipping & inland water transport.

(b) & (c) Based on consultation with Major Ports and state maritime boards, 107 last mile road and rail connectivity infrastructure gaps have been identified and included in the Comprehensive Port Connectivity Plan (CPCP) prepared by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in September 2022. State Multimodal Committees have been formed which has representatives from Major Ports, State Maritime Boards, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways / National Highway Authority of India, and Ministry of Railways to review the projects periodically. State wise list of the infrastructure gaps is given as **Annexure**.

Annexure

State wise number of Port rail and road Infrastructure Gaps.

| State | No. of Infrastructure Gaps |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| Andhra Pradesh | 14 |
| Gujarat | 19 |
| Karnataka | 19 |
| Kerala | 5 |
| Maharashtra | 31 |
| Odisha | 8 |
| Tamil Nadu | 7 |
| West Bengal | 4 |
| Total | 107 |
