

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3042
ANSWERED ON – 09/08/2024

SCHEMES FOR PORTS

3042. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:
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- (a) the current status of various schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways in Kerala;
- (b) whether any developmental plans have been launched/ are under consideration for the establishment/ enhancement of dry ports in Kerala;
- (c) if so, the details and objectives including the locations and expected benefits thereof;
- (d) whether the recent budget included any specific allocations for the development of Vizhinjam Port and Cochin Port in Kerala and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the budget allocations intended for these funds at both Vizhinjam and Cochin Ports?

ANSWER

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

(a) In the State of Kerala, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has approved 8 projects worth around Rs. 272.94 crore under its Sagarmala Scheme. Out of these, 5 projects worth Rs. 121.7 crore have already been completed and 3 projects worth Rs. 151.24 crore are under implementation.

(b) & (c) Kottayam Port is the only dry port in Kerala and State notified Minor Port. At present authorized Customs clearance station and EXIM activity are being carried out. The port has handled around Six Lakh Metric Tonne of Export and Import cargo in 21000 TEUs till the date. At present the commodities move via roadways. For shifting the movement from road to water i.e. through National Waterway No. 3 and 9 by considering the increase of EXIM and domestic cargo and to develop the movement of cargo through Inland Waterways, Kottayam port is planning to construct a barge that can carry more container and berth for reducing the turnaround time. Installation of container handling equipment also planned.

(d) & (e) Government of India has approved a Viability Gap Funding (VGF) of Rs. 818 crore for the Vizhinjam Project in Kerala, however there is no specific allocation for the development of Vizhinjam and Cochin Ports in the recent budget.
