

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *280
ANSWERED ON 13.12.2024

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW GREENFIELD PORTS

*280. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

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

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- a) whether the Government has any plans to build new greenfield ports across the country;
- b) if so, the details thereof along with number of greenfield ports currently under construction and those already operational, State-wise; and
- c) the amount of funds allocated and utilised for these projects?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA
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SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA REGARDING “DEVELOPMENT OF NEW
GREENFIELD PORTS”**

(a) & (b) Yes. The Union Cabinet, in its meeting on June 19, 2024, approved the development of a new major Greenfield port at Vadhavan in Maharashtra by Vadhavan Port Private Limited (VPPL) with Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) and Maharashtra Maritime Board, Government of Maharashtra with a 74:26 equity shareholding, respectively. The estimated project cost is Rs. 76,220 crore. The port has a natural draft of 20 meters and a cumulative capacity of 298 Million Metric Tons (MMT) per annum. Additionally, on September 4, 2024, the Government has notified another new major port at Galathea Bay in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(c) While the Government of India has not earmarked budgetary support for the Vadhavan Port, it has been decided that VPPL will fund the project through its own resources and Public-Private Partnership (PPP). VPPL has utilised approx. Rs. 170 crore for the project so far.
