

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3011
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ENHANCEMENT OF MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU

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

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- (a) the specific initiatives taken and investments made for enhancing maritime infrastructure in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether there are any proposals to construct additional ports, minor harbours, or terminals in Tamil Nadu as part of the Ministry's 80 lakh crore investment vision and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure ports in Tamil Nadu are included in global trade routes and also to promote the State as a global hub for trade;
- (d) the manner in which the Government envision Tamil Nadu contributing to India's goal of becoming a maritime leader by 2030;
- (e) whether any projects are being considered for implementation in the said State for leveraging the State's strategic location and the resources allocated towards this goal; and
- (f) the measures planned to reduce costs and improve logistics for exporters in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

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

(a), (b) (c) and (e) The Sagarmala programme is the flagship programme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways 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. As a part of Sagarmala Programme, 98 Projects worth more than Rs 93,376 Cr. have been identified under Sagarmala Programme in the state of Tamil Nadu for enhancing the

infrastructure related to port modernization, port connectivity, port-led industrialization, coastal community development and coastal shipping & inland water transport. These projects are implemented by Central Ministries, IWAI, Indian Railways, State Government and Major Ports etc. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways under Sagarmala Scheme is partially funding 22 projects worth Rs 1240 Cr in the state of Tamil Nadu. The details of projects undertaken in Tamil Nadu under Sagarmala Scheme is annexed.

[Annexure-I]

(d) & (f) Tamil Nadu boasts a 1,076 km long coastline, which is crucial for enhancing India's maritime trade. The state has three Major Ports viz. Chennai Port, Tuticorin Port (V.O. Chidambaranar Port), and Kamarajar Port, which handle a significant portion of India's cargo, especially containerized and bulk cargo. Its location along key international shipping routes makes it pivotal for increasing India's maritime trade and ensuring global connectivity. The Government is focusing on developing and modernizing port infrastructure at Major Ports in Tamil Nadu to accommodate larger vessels, streamline cargo handling, and increase port capacity to reduce costs and improve logistics for exporters in Tamil Nadu.

Annexure-I**Status of Sagarmala-funded Projects in the State of Tamil Nadu**

Sr No	Name of Project	Status	Cost (Rs. Cr)	Funds Sanctioned (Rs. Cr)
1	Creation of additional berthing facilities for the tourist vessels at Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu	Under Development	11.00	11.00
2	Creation of additional berthing facilities at Kanyakumari	Under Development	4.18	3.87
3	Creation of Berthing facilities for tourist vessels at Agni Theertham, Tamil Nadu	Under Implementation	7.81	7.81
4	Development and Operation of a full-fledged Truck Parking Terminal adjacent to NH7A opposite to Fisheries college at V. O .Chidambaranar	Completed	25.00	10.00
5	Coastal berth with dredged depth of 10.0m to handle vessels up to 15000 DWT - length 150m at VoCPT	Completed	36.00	30.00
6	Coastal Cargo Berth at ChPT	Completed	80.00	30.00
7	Construction of Breakwater both in North and South side of entrance channel- Berth-1- Berth-2 and Capital Dredging at Cuddalore Port -From entrance channel till cargo berths	Completed	135.00	67.50
8	Development of paved storage yard at Chennai Port for handling export cargo	Completed	54.00	25.73
9	Construction of Bunker berth at Chennai Port	Completed	44.00	22.00
10	Construction of a fishing harbour at Poompuhar in Nagapattinam District in Tamil Nadu	Completed	148.00	37.00
11	Expansion of fishing harbour at Chinnamuttomin Kanyakumari District in Tamil Nadu	Completed	74.00	18.38
12	Coastal Districts Skill Development Program - Phase I -Tamil Nadu	Completed	2.94	2.94
13	Construction of widening the Korampallam Surplus course bridge and rail over bridge - RoB including widening of road from western boundary to	Completed	42.00	20.00

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14	Dredging the dock basin for coastal cargo berth at VOCPT - Dredging in front of dedicated coastal berth	Completed	98.00	20.88
15	National Technology Center for Ports- Waterways and Coasts -New Campus	Completed	77.03	39.67
16	Coastal Districts Skill Development Program - Phase 2 -Tamil Nadu	Under Implementation	10.67	10.67
17	Fishing harbor at Mookaiyur in Ramanathapuram district in Tamil Nadu	Completed	113.90	28.48
18	Fishing harbour at Kuthakal, Kunthukul -TN	Completed	74.00	18.50
19	Modern elevated steel bridge for safe trasport of tourists from Vivekananda Rock to Thiruvalluvur statue	Under Implementation	31.05	15.53
20	Modernisation of Chennai Fishing Harbour Project	Under Implementation	99.85	49.93
21	Creation of additional berthing facilities at VilloondiTheertham, Tamil Nadu	Under Implementation	3.66	3.66
22	Development of Buffer Parking yard for Trailers / Trucks at the backup areas of Berth No. 24B(BD-II) in Chennai Port Authority	Under Implementation	52.85	39.42
