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SAGARMALA PROGRAMME

4148. SHRI MITESH PATEL BAKABHAI:
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Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

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the status of implementation and impact of the Sagarmala program projects in the North Eastern Region, particularly regarding the development of ferry terminals and their role in improving local transportation and trade?

ANSWER

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

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. 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. 06 projects at a total cost of Rs. 763 Cr. have been included under Sagarmala Programme for development of the Inland Water Transport (IWT) infrastructure on National Waterways in the North-Eastern Region (NER). The details of IWT projects are annexed **[Annexure-I]**.

Further, the proposal of Government of Assam for development of eight smaller terminal and two slipways along the National Waterways-2 for enhancing the infrastructure related to National Waterways and connectivity has been in-principally agreed by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for 100 % financial assistance under Sagarmala Scheme with total outlay of Rs. 645.56 Cr.

Ferry terminals play a pivotal role in improving local transportation networks and boosting trade by enhancing connectivity, supporting economic activity, and contributing to regional development. As sustainable transportation options, they can alleviate congestion, foster tourism, and contribute to greener alternatives.

Annexure-I

S. No.	Project	Cost (INR in cr.)
1.	Comprehensive Development of NW-2 (river Brahmaputra) in Assam	461
2.	Multimodal terminal at Pandu across NW-2	103
3.	Intermodal terminal at Dhubri across NW-2	48
4.	Intermodal terminal at Badarpur across NW-16	3
5.	Intermodal terminal at Karimganz across NW-16	3
6.	Comprehensive Development of NW-16 (river Barak) and Indian Portion of Indo-Bangladesh Route	145
