

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4168**  
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2024

**CONNECTIVITY OF PORTS**

4168. SHRI CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to increase connectivity of the ports along the west coast in line with global connectivity projects such as the India- Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there are specific plans to expand the ports in the Dakshina Kannada region in Karnataka to support increased cargo movement and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering enhancing maritime connectivity between Lakshadweep and Mangalore Port given Mangalore's proximity to Lakshadweep to improve access for trade and transport; and
- (d) if so, the expected benefits of this connectivity for the region and any planned infrastructure developments to support it?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) A Memorandum of Understanding for the IMEEC was signed during the G20 Summit in New Delhi on 9th September 2023, followed by the Indian Cabinet's approval of the Inter-Governmental Framework Agreement on 12th March 2024 for activation of the same. The Virtual Trade Corridor under the framework agreement between India and UAE on the IMEEC was soft launched on 10th September 2024.

(b) Ports other than Major Ports (Non- Major Ports) are under the administrative control of the respective State Government. Ministry under Sagarmala Scheme provides financial assistance to State Governments / UTs for Port infrastructure projects, Coastal berth projects, Road & Rail projects, fish harbours, skill development projects, Coastal community development, International standard cruise terminal and unique and innovative projects such as Ro-Pax ferry services etc. The details of port infrastructure projects in the State of Karnataka including Dakshina Kannada district under Sagarmala Scheme is annexed [ **Annexure-I**].

(c) & (d) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways under Sagarmala Scheme had undertaken the project for Development of dedicated jetty for Lakshadweep with allied infrastructure facilities for cargo and cruise terminal at Old Mangalore Port with estimated expenditure of Rs. 65 Crores. Administrative Approval and Administrative Sanction for 100% funding of the same was conveyed to Lakshadweep Administration on 20.7.2022. Further, due to non-award of project even after 18 months of In-Principle approval, the project was categorised under 'Deemed Deferred Category' as per Sagarmala funding guidelines. Improving maritime connectivity between Lakshadweep and Mangalore Port offers substantial economic, social, health and infrastructural benefits, ranging from enhanced trade to better tourism prospects.

**Annexure-I**

<b>S N</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Implementing Agency</b>	<b>Cost (INR Cr)</b>
1.	Modernisation of the existing fishing harbour at Amadalli	Uttara Kannada	Dept. of Fisheries	19
2.	Third stage expansion including modernisation of the existing fishing harbour of Malpe	Udupi	Dept. of Fisheries	50
3.	Construction of coastal cargo berth at Old Mangaluru Port	Dakshina Kannada	Karnataka Maritime Board	65
4.	Development of fishing harbour at Kulai	Dakshina Kannada	NMPA	197
5.	Development of Hejmaadi Kodi Fishing Harbour	Udupi	Dept. of Fisheries	138.6
6.	Installation of Firefighting Equipment at Karwar	Uttara Kannada	Karnataka Maritime Board	19.00

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