

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4187

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INDIA – MIDDLE EAST – EUROPE ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

4187. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to upgrade Indian ports for readiness to handle the India – Middle East – Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC);
- (b) the data on amount of funds allocated and utilized for infrastructure improvements across all major Ports in the country; and
- (c) the progress achieved in increasing the capacity and connectivity of ports to align with the requirements of the IMEC corridor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Major Ports at western coast i.e Deendayal Port and Jawaharlal Nehru Port have made investment of around Rs.11773 Crores in last decade to upgrade port infrastructure. Further, the Union Cabinet approved the development of a new Major Greenfield Port at Vadhavan in Maharashtra with an estimated project cost of Rs.76,220 Crores. The Vadhavan port has a natural draft of 20 meters and a cumulative capacity of 298 Million Metric Tons (MMT) per annum, catering the requirement to handle mega size new generation vessels. Also, the Virtual Trade Corridor (VTC) under the framework agreement between India and UAE on the IMEEC has been soft launched. These upgradation/developments at these ports aligns with the requirements of India – Middle East – Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC).
