

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 894
ANSWERED ON 29.11.2024

STATUS OF CUDDALORE PORT

894. DR. M K VISHNU PRASAD:

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

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- (a) the status of the operation of Cuddalore Port in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to expand the berthing facility at the said port and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to connect Cuddalore port by Rail; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) Cuddalore is a Non- Major Port in the State of Tamil Nadu. Non- Major Ports are under the administrative control of the respective State Government/ State Maritime Board. Govt. of Tamil Nadu has informed that they are in the process of selecting a port operator through tendering process for Marketing, Operation and Maintenance of Cuddalore Port.

(b) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways under Sagarmala Scheme has partially funded the project of development of Cuddalore port which include breakwater, berth and dredging. Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that at present there is no proposal to expand the berthing facilities at the port.

(c) & (d) Ministry of Railways has informed that Final Location Survey (FLS) for rail connectivity between Cuddalore Port and Cuddalore Junction has been approved. However, final development depends upon volume of cargo upon operationsation of port.
