

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3610**  
ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025

**SAGARMALA PROGRAMME IN TAMIL NADU**

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) the progress made in the implementation of the Sagarmala Programme across the country, including Tamil Nadu indicating the number of projects completed so far;
- (b) the number of ports upgraded and new port projects initiated under the Sagarmala Programme in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the steps taken to enhance connectivity between ports, inland waterways and industrial corridors in the said State as part of the Sagarmala Programme;
- (d) the funds allocated and spent on port development and infrastructure projects in the said State under the Sagarmala Programme;
- (e) the impact of the Sagarmala Programme on improving economic growth, trade, and employment opportunities in the said State particularly in coastal areas; and
- (f) the future plans for the expansion of port infrastructure and development of logistics networks in the said State under the Sagarmala Programme?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) 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. These projects are implemented by Central Ministries, IWA, Indian Railways, State Government and Major Ports etc. The details of projects envisaged under Sagarmala Programme including Tamil Nadu is annexed. [**Annexure-I**]

(b) & (c) 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.

(d) Under Sagarmala Scheme, Ministry provide 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. 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 number of projects, funds sanctioned and funds released in the state of Tamil Nadu is annexed. **[Annexure-II]**

(e) & (f) Major Ports are under the administrative control of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. 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. Sagarmala Programme has led to more job opportunities in port operations, logistics, and maritime sectors. Additionally, the program supports skill development and boosts coastal industries such as fishing and tourism. 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.

## List of Projects under Sagarmala Programme

State/UT	No. of Projects	Total Cost (Rs. Cr.)	Completed (Rs. Cr.)		Under Implementation		Under Development	
			No. of Projects	Total Project Cost (Rs. Cr.)	No. of Projects	Total Project Cost (Rs. Cr.)	No. of Projects	Total Project Cost (Rs. Cr.)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	58	46622	4	60	12	425	42	46136
Andhra Pradesh	110	114007	41	33070	41	62255	28	18681
Assam	10	1013	2	151	4	611	4	251
Bihar	4	278	1	12	1	83	2	183
Chhattisgarh	1	207	1	207	-	-	-	-
Daman & Diu	2	92	-	-	-	-	2	92
Goa	34	6839	12	202	5	3699	17	2937
Gujarat	92	66646	23	16195	27	23332	42	27118
Jharkhand	4	580	1	281	-	-	3	299
Karnataka	82	17491	14	4610	23	4563	45	8317
Kerala	55	23935	19	5320	11	12213	25	6402
Lakshadweep	17	964	-	-	3	42	14	921
Maharashtra	138	130320	47	16857	36	17797	55	95665
Odisha	53	54583	24	18146	17	21410	12	15025
Puducherry	8	5294	2	3125	3	1554	3	615
Tamil Nadu	98	93375	54	37617	17	13625	27	42133
Telangana	3	127	-	-	-	-	3	127
Uttar Pradesh	6	585	1	184	1	35	4	366
Uttarakhand	2	150	1	120	-	-	1	30
West Bengal	62	16444	25	5335	13	1039	24	10069
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>57956</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>141499</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>162688</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>275374</b>

## List of Projects in the state of Tamil Nadu under SagarmalaScheme

S.no	Name of Project	Implementing Agency	Status	Project Cost (Rs. Cr.)	Funds Sanctioned (Rs. Cr.)	Funds Released (Rs. Cr.)
1.	Creation of Berthing facilities for tourist vessels at Agni Theertham, Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Under Implementation	7.58	7.58	1.51
2.	Development and Operation of a full-fledged Truck Parking Terminal adjacent to NH7A opposite to Fisheries college at V. O .Chidambaranar	V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority	Completed	25.00	10.00	10.00
3.	Coastal berth with dredged depth of 10.0m to handle vessels up to 15000 DWT - length 150m at VoCPT	V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority	Completed	36.00	30.00	30.00
4.	Coastal Cargo Berth at ChPT	Chennai Port Authority	Completed	80.00	30.00	30.00
5.	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	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Completed	135.00	67.50	67.50
6.	Development of paved storage yard at Chennai Port for handling export cargo	Chennai Port Authority	Completed	54.00	25.73	25.73
7.	Construction of Bunker berth at Chennai Port	Chennai Port Authority	Completed	44.00	22.00	22.00
8.	Construction of a fishing harbour at Poompuhar in Nagapattinam District in Tamil Nadu	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Completed	148.00	37.00	37.00
9.	Expansion of fishing harbour at Chinnamuttom in Kanyakumari District in Tamil Nadu	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Completed	74.00	18.38	18.38
10.	Coastal Districts Skill Development Program - Phase I - Tamil Nadu	Ministry of Rural Development (DDU-GKY)	Completed	2.94	2.94	1.47
11.	Construction of widening the Korampallam Surplus course bridge and rail over bridge - RoB including widening of road from western boundary to TTPS	V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority	Completed	42.00	20.00	20.00

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12.	Dredging the dock basin for coastal cargo berth at VOCPT -Dredging in front of dedicated coastal berth	V. O. Chidambaram Port Authority	Completed	98.00	20.88	20.88
13.	National Technology Center for Ports- Waterways and Coasts -New Campus	IIT Chennai	Completed	77.03	39.67	39.67
14.	Coastal Districts Skill Development Program - Phase 2 -Tamil Nadu	Ministry of Rural Development (DDU-GKY)	Under Implementation	10.67	10.67	2.42
15.	Fishing harbor at Mookaiyur in Ramanathapuram district in Tamil Nadu	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Completed	113.90	28.48	28.48
16.	Fishing harbour at Kuthakal, Kunthukul -TN	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Completed	74.00	18.50	16.65
17.	Modern elevated steel bridge for safe transport of tourists from Vivekananda Rock to Thiruvalluvur statue	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Completed	31.05	15.53	12.42
18.	Modernisation of Chennai Fishing Harbour Project	Chennai Port Authority	Under Implementation	97.95	48.97	6.98
19.	Creation of additional berthing facilities at VilloondiTheertham, Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Under Implementation	3.66	3.66	0.73
20.	Development of Buffer Parking yard for Trailers / Trucks at the backup areas of Berth No. 24B(BD-II) in Chennai Port Authority	Chennai Port Authority	Under Implementation	52.85	39.42	37.44
21.	Upgradation of Nagapattinam Port Infrastructure for the passenger ferry service from Nagapattinam (India) to Kankesanthurai (Sri Lanka)	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Under Development	10.47	10.47	0.00
22.	Extension of passenger berthing facility at Kanyakumari Port	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Under Implementation	20.00	10.00	4.94

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