GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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ONE NATION ONE PORT

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> Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state: पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

(a) whether the Government has launched 'One Nation One Port' initiative;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which this new initiative aims to eliminate inconsistencies in documentation, processes and streamlining operations across India's major ports along with the timeline for its complete integration;

(c) whether any assessment has been conducted regarding the projected cost savings for stakeholders through this initiative, if so, the estimated reduction in logistics costs and processing time thereof;

(d) whether any digitization and automation systems have been developed for streamlining port documentation and processes, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any performance metrics have been established to evaluate the effectiveness of this initiative, if so, the details thereof and improvements observed so far; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to enhance efficiency and global competitiveness in the maritime sector in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL) (a) to (c) Yes.Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has launched 'One Nation One Port Process (ONOP)' initiative which focuses on mapping and standardizing port processes and documentation. This involves conducting a comprehensive review of the existing procedures and documents exchanged within the port value chain across all major ports which cover various cargo types, including containers, dry bulk, and liquid bulk, as well as different movement categories such as export-import, transshipment, and coastal operations. The implementation of ONOP initiative will reduce the processing time of documentation which will lead to a reduction in logistics cost.

(d) The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has prioritized the digitization and automation of port processes and documentation through the National Logistics Portal – Marine (NLP-Marine) which also integrates the Enterprise Business System (EBS) as the port operating system.

(e) A review has been conducted to assess the implementation of ONOP initiatives at major ports which showed substantial improvement in port process documentation.

(f) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has taken various steps to enhance efficiency and competitiveness of ports in maritime sector which include development of new ports, terminals and berths, modernization, mechanization, digitalization, development of connectivity infrastructure for road and rail etc. Further "SagarAankalan" guidelines have been launched by the Ministry for enhancing efficiency and competitiveness of Indian ports in the global maritime sector.
