

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2158**  
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2025

**MODERNIZATION OF PORTS**

2158. DR. T SUMATHY ALIAS THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन एवं जलमार्ग मंत्रालय**

- (a) whether the Government has plans to develop the Chennai-Kamarajar-Cuddalore cluster as one among the six port clusters as mega ports cluster by 2047, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the modernization of Indian ports under Sagarmala, 234 projects at cost of Rs. 2,91,622 cr. have been undertaken for implementation and out of the total 234 projects, 94 projects worth Rs. 31,517 cr. have been completed and 65 projects worth Rs. 79,958 cr. are under implementation, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether effective steps have been taken by the Government to make the eastern coast in Tamil Nadu as a Port and Shipping hub in Asia, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Maritime India Vision 2030 envisions Chennai-Kamarajar-Cuddalore cluster to become Mega Port in the eastern coast by 2047. This cluster is targeted to achieve a cargo handling capacity of over 300 million tonners per annum by the year 2047.
- (b) Under the Port Modernization pillar of Sagarmala Programme, a total of 234 projects at cost of Rs. 2,91,279Cr. have been undertaken for implementation and out of 234 projects, 104 projects worth Rs. 32,654Cr. have been completed and 55 projects worth Rs. 74,725 Cr. are under implementation
- (c) The key initiative of Government includes Port Modernisation of Chennai, Ennore (Kamarajar), and Tuticorin (VO Chidambaranar) ports, and investment in infrastructure connectivity such as rail and road linkages. Further, strategic location, deep-draft ports, and policy support aim to position Tamil Nadu as a key maritime hub in Asia.

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