

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF KEY MARITIME PROJECTS

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

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- (a) whether land acquisition and environmental clearances for the Vadhavan Port project in Palghar district have been completed;
- (b) the manner in which the development of Vizhinjam International seaport will reduce India's dependence on other international ports for trans-shipment of cargo;
- (c) whether the Government plans to increase Indian cargo movement through Chabahar and Sittwe Ports, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether timelines have been fixed for completing the Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal, Gujarat; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Environmental Clearance has been obtained and 3D Notification for Land acquisition with respect to Road and Rail Connectivity has been received.
- (b) The development of the Vizhinjam Project is expected to bring back a significant portion of the Indian cargo transshipment currently conducted at foreign ports. Once fully developed the transshipment business is set to generate significant consumer surplus by savings on shipping and navigation costs. By attracting mainline vessels and establishing itself as a competitive transshipment hub, Vizhinjam International Port is certain to minimize India's dependence on foreign ports and strengthen national port competitiveness.
- (c) Yes. The Ministry is continuously taking several measures such as investing in port infrastructure, conducting stakeholder consultations and awareness campaigns and providing a range of incentives to increase trade and traffic.
- (d) and (e) The target completion date for phase 1A of the project "Development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat" is September, 2025.