

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3294**  
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2025

**SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR FACILITIES**

3294. THIRU DAYANIDHI MARAN:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) the specific initiatives proposed/approved by the Union Government for Tamil Nadu particularly V.O. Chidambaranar Port and Kattupalli Port;
- (b) the quantum of investments, public/private, committed towards expanding port-led industrial development zones and maritime clusters in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the Government identified any sites within Tamil Nadu for the establishment of dedicated shipbuilding and ship-repair facilities under the “Make in India” and Sagarmala initiatives, if so, the timeline and proposed scale of such facilities; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government plans to upgrade multimodal connectivity for Tamil Nadu—road, rail and inland waterways—to ensure efficient cargo evacuation and attract transshipment traffic from neighbouring regions?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b) Government of India has approved the project ‘Development of Bunkering and Refuelling facilities for Green Methanol at V.O. Chidambaranar Port at a cost of Rs. 35.34 crores. V.O. Chidambaranar Port is exploring the development of an Outer Harbour under the PPP model, aiming for a potential capacity of around 4 MTEUs at a total project cost approximately Rs. 12,500 crores. VOC Port has identified potential leasable area of 765 acres under Coastal Employment Unit. Port has allotted 560.82 acres of vacant land for various industries under CEU and the proposed investment towards Green Hydrogen production industry is Rs. 41,860 Cr. Kattupalli Port is a Non-Major Port under the justification of State Government of Tamil Nadu. The Government of India has not initiated any proposals for Kattupali Port.

(c) V.O. Chidambaranar Port is among the locations identified for development of Shipbuilding & Ship repair yard capable of constructing vessels up to 3,00,000 DWT with an estimated cost of Rs.3840 Cr (Initial Phase).

(d) VOC Port has excellent rail & road connectivity. The two, four-lane National Highways, NH138 and NH45B connect the Port to the Northern and Southern hinterlands. Further, the Port's railway sidings and yard are connected to the Indian Railways network linking the Port through the Milavittan station (MVTN) to Madurai, Trichy, Chennai, Bangalore and other southern/northern hinterlands. Further, to ensure efficient Cargo evacuation, the Government of Tamil Nadu, with assistance from Central Government Ministries is upgrading National Highways, Ports access roads and industrial corridors across the State.

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