

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3448**  
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2025

**NATIONAL MARITIME HERITAGE COMPLEX**

3448. SHRI DINESHBHAI MAKWANA:  
SMT. SHOBHANABEN MAHENDRASINH BARAIYA:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to integrate National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) under 'Cruise India Mission' to promote marine tourism;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposed coordination between NMHC and marine tourism circuits;
- (c) whether any time limit has been set for completion and commissioning of NMHC project at Lothal in the State of Gujarat, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the framework/ scheme proposed to be adopted by the Government to assess the economic and employment related impact of NMHC on the local and regional coastal economy?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (b) No.

(c) The target completion date for phase 1A of the project NMHC at Lothal in the State of Gujarat is September, 2025.

(d) It is estimated that approximately a total of 22,000 jobs will be created in development of NMHC Project, with 15,000 direct employments and 7,000 indirect employments. The development of NMHC will boost tourism and allied sectors such as hotels, restaurants, travel agencies, artisans and souvenir shops. Improved road connectivity, public transport and amenities around Lothal will boost social and economy of all sections of regional coastal community. NMHC will house maritime research institute, providing jobs for scholars, researchers and students. Local youth can benefit

from skill development programmes in hospitality, heritage management, museum curation and tourism. Further, Government of Gujarat has constituted Lothal Area Development Authority (LADA) for holistic development of about 196 sq. km area around NMHC site for economic and employment of locals and improvement in regional coastal economy. LADA will promote zoning for tourism, residential, commercial and industrial uses attracting private investments. Better infrastructure will lower business costs, improve livability and will attract investment across all sectors.

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