

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2468
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PROJECT FOR LIQUID CARGO HANDLING AT KOLKATA PORT

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

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- (a) the present status of the project for development of a concrete jetty and allied facilities for liquid cargo handling at Budge Budge under the PPP-DBFOT model at the Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata;
- (b) the key milestones achieved so far, including bid finalisation, concession agreement, statutory clearances and commencement of construction;
- (c) the estimated project cost and the quantum of private investment envisaged under the PPP framework;
- (d) the expected timeline for completion and commissioning of the project; and
- (e) the anticipated benefits of the project in terms of increased liquid cargo handling capacity, decongestion of existing facilities and support to industrial and energy requirements of eastern India?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) The tender for the project has been floated on 30.01.2026 and bid may be finalized by 27.03.2026.

(c) and (d) The estimated project cost is Rs. 92.60 crore, which shall be entirely funded by the PPP concessionaire. Further, progress and timelines of restructured project remain subject to receipt of responsive bids and successful completion of the bidding process in accordance with extant guidelines and prescribed procedures.

(e) The project is envisaged to create an additional handling capacity of about 1.125 Million Tonnes, with the potential to improve operational efficiency and output. The associated infrastructure augmentation may facilitate handling of larger vessels

within shorter turnaround time and accommodate higher volumes of traffic, thereby contributing to decongestion of existing facilities. The project may also support industries dependent on liquid bulk cargo in the hinterland of Budge Budge and, more broadly, across the eastern India region, including areas beyond the State of West Bengal.
