

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
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INLAND LOGISTIC PARITY

4616. SHRI BRIJMOHAN AGRAWAL:

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

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- (a) the steps taken under the Sagarmala Programme to rationalize hinterland evacuation costs and ensure logistics parity for Export-import (EXIM) cargo for Chhattisgarh;
- (b) whether the Government is implementing mechanisms to address the high logistical burden of empty container repositioning faced by inland industries, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the inter-ministerial initiatives under PM Gati-Shakti to seamlessly integrate regional Inland Container Depots (ICDs), such as the facility in Naya Raipur, with major coastal hubs;
- (d) the status of linking the said inland multi-modal logistics parks with maritime digital portals like SAGAR-SETU to streamline regulatory clearances and reduce transit delays; and
- (e) the steps taken to improve the ocean connectivity of the Chhattisgarh State on the lines of Jalore-Arabian Sea Link?

ANSWER

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

- (a) To rationalize hinterland evacuation, reduce logistics costs, and ensure parity EXIM cargo under the Sagarmala Programme, a MultiModal Logistics Park (MMLP) has been developed in Naya Raipur as a strategic Inland Container Depot (ICD) in an area of 113 acres. A second rail line of 203 km between Raipur and Titlagarh has been laid in 2023 to ease congestion on the rail link to Paradip Port. Both these projects have contributed in logistic parity to steel and agro based industries in Chhattisgarh and strengthened faster evacuation of cargo.

(b) The Government in Budget Speech 2026-27 has announced a scheme for container manufacturing in India with a budget outlay of Rs. 10,000 crores. The scheme aims to develop a globally competitive container manufacturing ecosystem in the country by providing financial incentives for the establishment and expansion of container manufacturing units in order to mitigate the issue of non-availability of empty containers.

(c) to (d) Under the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (NMP), the Inland Container Depots (ICDs) at Naya Raipur has been linked through both Railway and Roadways to major eastern ports like Vishakhapatnam, Paradip and Syama Prasad Mookerjee Ports and the alignment of same has been plotted in NMP of PM GatiShakti. SAGAR-SETU, the digital portal launched by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways captures the data relating to cargo handling ports and vessels for faster regulatory clearances and reducing the transit delays.

(e) The existing rail and road connectivity of Chhattisgarh with the major ports at the eastern coast is adequately meeting its requirement towards evacuation of cargo in the Chhattisgarh region.
