

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
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ASSESSMENT OF COASTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

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

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- (a) whether the Government has undertaken a beneficiary-wise assessment of coastal community development initiatives, particularly those aimed at improving livelihoods through skill development, upgradation of traditional occupations (fisheries, boat operations, coastal tourism) and diversification of income sources, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has trained coastal youth, fishers and workers under the Sagarmala Programme including the Sagarmala Skill Development Programme and Centres of Excellence in Maritime and Shipbuilding, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries trained, certified and placed during the last five years, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the measurable outcomes of the said initiatives in terms of improved employability, income enhancement, transition from informal to formal jobs and increased participation of women and traditional coastal communities in the maritime value chain?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Government has undertaken beneficiary-level and district-level assessments to evaluate coastal community development initiatives, focused on skill development, fisheries enhancement, traditional occupation upgradation, and livelihood diversification. A comprehensive Human Resource and Skill Requirement Study covering 21 coastal

districts was completed to map existing skills, training infrastructure, and gaps, forming the basis of targeted training and livelihood interventions. Further, the fishing harbour development projects undergo socio-economic impact assessments by implementing agencies to ensure benefits to artisanal fishers and other dependent communities. These assessments are included in district-level action plans implemented by state governments, enabling evidence-based support for skill upgradation, marine occupation diversification, coastal tourism promotion, and livelihood opportunities for coastal households.

(b) to (c) Under Sagarmala Programme, skill development has been implemented through convergence with DDU-GKY to train coastal youth maritime sector employment. Centre for Excellence in Maritime and Shipbuilding (CEMS) has been established to provide industry-relevant training and certification. The number of beneficiaries trained, certified and placed during the last five years under the Sagarmala-DDUGKY convergence program and CEMS are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

(d) The initiatives have led to measurable improvement in employability and livelihoods, with over 1,978 candidates trained and 1,143 placed in Phase I, and 7,605 trained with 3,127 placed in Phase II under the Sagarmala-DDU-GKY convergence. Complementary interventions such as fishing harbour development, coastal tourism and training by CEMS have enhanced income opportunities and increased participation of women and traditional coastal communities.

Annexure-I

State-wise candidates trained/ certified/ placed under Sagarmala-DDUGKY Convergence Program in last 5 years

FY	2021-22			2022-23			2023-24			2024-25			2025-26 (till 17.03.2026)		
	Trained	Certified	Placed	Trained	Certified	Placed	Trained	Certified	Placed	Trained	Certified	Placed	Trained	Certified	Placed
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	61	0	105	23	24	55	95	14
Andhra Pradesh	368	213	229	1409	288	858	743	1767	857	61	0	0	0	0	0
Gujarat	212	0	5	180	205	122	232	73	249	392	187	150	0	113	151
Karnataka	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kerala	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	4	663	368	245	371	287	277
Maharashtra	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	91	0	661	487	264	208	34	142
Odisha	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puducherry	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	26	12	145	79	65	173	190	91
Tamil Nadu	117	53	130	53	25	28	151	18	88	158	95	168	0	110	17
Total	697	266	371	1642	518	1010	1374	2036	1210	2185	1239	916	807	829	692

Annexure-II

Candidates trained by CEMS in last 5 years

State	Trained	Certified	Placed
Maharashtra	100	100	75
Karnataka	25	25	21
Tamil Nadu	125	125	102
Andhra Pradesh	1763	1763	1466
West Bengal	81	81	0
Total	2094	2094	1664
