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LOGISTICS INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AT PORTS

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) the present status of logistics infrastructure development at ports in Tamil Nadu to support exporters, including capacity augmentation, connectivity improvements and modernisation projects at major and non-major ports;
- (b) the details of projects undertaken under Sagarmala Programme and other Central initiatives for improving port connectivity, cargo handling efficiency, warehousing, multimodal logistics and export facilitation in Tamil Nadu including Arani Assembly Constituency;
- (c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for such logistics infrastructure projects in Tamil Nadu during the last five years; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen port-based logistics infrastructure, improve connectivity with industrial clusters, reduce export transportation costs and enhance the competitiveness of exporters from Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
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(a) to (d) Major Ports are under the administrative control of the Central Government whereas Ports other than Major Ports (OTMP), also known as non major or minor ports, are under the administrative control of the respective State Governments and their development falls within the State's jurisdiction and responsibility. The details of various logistics infrastructure development projects at major and non major ports in Tamil Nadu including capacity augmentation, connectivity improvements and modernisation are at **Annexure-I**.

Sagarmala programme has a dedicated pillar of port connectivity which focuses on the last mile and immediate hinterland connectivity of the ports via road, rail and inland waterways. Further, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has undertaken a comprehensive assessment of port connectivity and prepared a Comprehensive Port Connectivity Plan (CPCP) in 2022 by reviewing connectivity of the

operational ports and identified the ports which needed improvement of road and/or rail connectivity with nearby economic hubs. Subsequently, MoPSW, in consultation with Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways and Ministry of Railways has identified a total of 294 rail and road connectivity projects, out of which, 84 projects (63 Rail and 21 Road) have been completed.

Government has also taken various initiatives to enhance port capacity, improve operational efficiency, mechanization of berths, capital dredging for deep-draft vessels, which has resulted in cargo handling capacity of Major Ports to 1,728 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) as of March 2026.

Details of projects undertaken under Sagarmala scheme for improving port connectivity, cargo handling efficiency, multimodal logistics and export facilitation in Tamil Nadu are at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure-I

The details of funds allocated, released and utilised for logistics infrastructure projects in Tamil Nadu during the last five years.

a. Kamrajar Port:

Sl. No	Project	Project Cost (in cr.)	Fund Utilized (in cr.)
1	Container Terminal Phase-I Stage-II	558.00	342.00
2	IOCL Captive Jetty	921.00	868.48
3	Coal Berth-4	198.94	292.21
4	Fire Fighting Facilities	24.99	5.59
5	1 MLD Desalination Plant	21.92	19.5
6	Coal Berth-3	244.5	261.05
7	Capital Dredging Phase-VI (18 m Draft)	440.70	3.44
8	RFID & ANPR Based Gate Control System	5.54	3.66
9	Integrated Command & Control Centre (ICCC)	15.00	10.90
10	Rehabilitation of Northern Breakwater	91.52	85.75
11	Driver Amenity Building	3.65	3.64
12	Seafarers Club Building	7.25	7.21
13	Pass Section Building	4.52	4.57
14	Upgradation of Railway Tracks	35.20	32.46
15	Improvement of Southern Port Access Road on deposit basis to TNRDC	195.00	154.09
16	Augmentation-doubling of southern rail connectivity to KPL	88.81	90.52

b. V.O. Chidambaranar Port:

Sl. No.	Project	Project Cost (in cr.)	Fund Utilized (in cr.)
1	Development of Bunkering and Refueling facilities for Green Methanol at VoC Port	35.00	21.00
2.	Construction of Widening the Koampallam Surplus Course (KSC) bridge and Rail over Bridge (ROB)	20.85	20.00
3.	Development and Operation of a full-fledged Truck Parking Terminal adjacent to NH7A opposite to Fisheries college at V. O . Chidambaranar	23.69	10.00
4.	Coastal berth with dredged depth of 10.0m to handle vessels up to 15000 DWT -length 150m at VoCPT	36.00	29.99
5.	Dredging the dock basin for coastal cargo berth at VOCPT -Dredging in front of dedicated coastal berth	98.00	20.89

c. Chennai Port Authority:

Sl No	Name of the Project	Project Cost (in cr.)	Fund Utilized (in cr.)
1	Development of Paved storage for handling export cargo.	54.00	25.73
2	Development of Buffer Parking Yard for Trailers/Trucks at the backup area of Berth No 24B(BD-I)	52.85	39.42
3	Development of Paved storage yards at Marshalling Yard and JD (East) backup area for handling EXIM cargos at Chennai Port	63.34	21.803
4	Construction of four EXIM Godowns and development of concrete roads around the Exim Godowns in ChPA.	70.21	21.736
5	Modernisation and Upgradation of Chennai Fishing Harbour	97.95	44.394

6	Construction of Bunker Berth at Chennai Port	44.00	22.00
7	Coastal cargo berth at ChPA	80.00	30.08

d. Tamil Nadu Maritime Board (Other than Major Ports)

S. No	Project	Estimated Cost Rs. in Cr	Funds released Rs. in Cr	Funds Utilized Rs.in Cr
1	Extension of Passenger Berthing Facility at Kanyakumari Port	31.50	9.50	9.50
2	Creation of Additional Berthing Facilities at Villondi Theertham	3.66	1.78	1.06
3	Creation of Berthing Facilities for Tourist Vessels at Agni Theertham	7.58	7.21	5.73
4	Construction of Floating Jetty at Mandapam	3.66	1.78	1.06
5	Upgradation of Nagapattinam Port Infrastructure for Passenger Ferry Service between Nagapattinam (India) and Kankesanthurai (Sri Lanka)	10.47	9.62	7.79
6	Modern elevated steel bridge for safe transport of tourists from Vivekananda Rock to Thiruvalluvur statue	37.00	15.53	15.53
7.	Construction of Breakwater both in North and South side of entrance channel- Berth-1- Berth-2 and Capital Dredging at Cuddalore Port -From entrance channel till cargo berths	135.00	67.50	67.50
8.	Construction of a fishing harbour at Poompuhar in Nagapattinam District in Tamil Nadu	148.00	37.00	37.00
9.	Expansion of fishing harbour at Chinnamuttom in Kanyakumari District in Tamil Nadu	74.00	18.38	18.38
10.	Fishing harbor at Mookaiyur in Ramanathapuram district in Tamil Nadu	113.90	28.48	28.48

Details of projects undertaken under Sagarmala scheme for improving port connectivity, cargo handling efficiency, multimodal logistics and export facilitation in Tamil Nadu :

Sl. No.	Project Name	Implementing Agency	Project Pillar	Project Status	Project Cost (₹ Cr)	MoPSW Share (₹ Cr)	Fund Released (₹ Cr)
1	Upgradation of Nagapattinam Port Infrastructure for the passenger ferry service from Nagapattinam (India) to Kankesanthurai (Sri Lanka)	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Coastal Shipping and IWT	Under Implementation	10.47	10.47	9.62
2	Creation of Berthing facilities for the tourist vessels at Agni Theertham, Tamil Nadu.	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Coastal Shipping and IWT	Under Implementation	7.58	7.58	7.21
3	Creation of additional berthing facilities for the tourist vessels at Villoondi Theertham, Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Coastal Shipping and IWT	Under Implementation	3.66	3.66	1.79
4	DDUGKY Phase II Tamil Nadu	Ministry of Rural Development (DDU-GKY)	Coastal Community Development	Under Implementation	10.67	3.66	3.37
5	Modernization and up-gradation of Chennai Fishing Harbour".	Chennai Port Authority	Coastal Community Development	Under Implementation	97.95	48.97	44.39

6	Development of Passenger jetty at Kanyakumari	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Coastal Shipping and IWT	Under Implementation	20.00	10.00	9.50
7	Development and Operation of a full-fledged Truck Parking Terminal adjacent to NH7A opposite to Fisheries college at V. O. Chidambaranar	V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority	Port Modernization	Completed	23.69	10.00	10.00
8	Coastal berth with dredged depth of 10.0m to handle vessels up to 15000 DWT -length 150m at VoCPT	V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority	Coastal Shipping and IWT	Completed	36.00	29.99	29.99
9	Coastal Cargo Berth at ChPT	Chennai Port Authority	Coastal Shipping and IWT	Completed	80.00	30.08	30.08
10	Construction of Breakwater both in North and South side of entrance channel - Berth-1- Berth-2 and Capital Dredging at Cuddalore Port -From entrance channel till cargo berths	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Port Modernization	Completed	135.00	67.50	67.50
11	Development of paved storage yard at Chennai Port for handling export cargo	Chennai Port Authority	Port Modernization	Completed	51.46	25.73	25.73
12	Construction of Bunker berth at Chennai Port	Chennai Port Authority	Port Modernization	Completed	44.00	22.00	22.00

13	Construction of a fishing harbour at Poompuhar in Nagapattinam District in Tamil Nadu	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Coastal Community Development	Completed	148.00	37.00	37.00
14	Expansion of fishing harbour at Chinnamuttom in Kanyakumari District in Tamil Nadu	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Coastal Community Development	Completed	74.00	18.38	18.38
15	DDUGKY Phase I Tamil Nadu	Ministry of Rural Development (DDU-GKY)	Coastal Community Development	Completed	2.94	0.59	0.59
16	Construction of widening the Korampallam Surplus course bridge and rail over bridge -RoB including widening of road from western boundary to TTPS	V. O. Chidambaram Port Authority	Port Connectivity	Completed	41.55	20.00	20.00
17	Dredging the dock basin for coastal cargo berth at VOCPT -Dredging in front of dedicated coastal berth	V. O. Chidambaram Port Authority	Port Modernization	Completed	98.00	20.89	20.89
18	National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC) at IIT Madras.	IIT Chennai	Coastal Community Development	Completed	77.03	39.67	39.67
19	Fishing harbor at Mookaiyur in Ramanathapuram	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Coastal Community	Completed	113.90	28.48	28.48

	m district in Tamil Nadu		Development				
20	Construction of fish landing centre at Kunthukal in Ramanathapuram District of Tamil Nadu.	Fisheries Department, GoTN	Coastal Community Development	Completed	74.00	18.50	16.65
21	Modern elevated steel bridge for safe transport of tourists from Vivekananda Rock to Thiruvalluvur statue	Tamil Nadu Maritime Board	Port Connectivity	Completed	37.00	15.53	15.53
22	Development of Buffer Parking yard for Trailers / Trucks at the backup areas of Berth No. 24B(BD-II) in Chennai Port Authority	Chennai Port Authority	Port Modernization	Completed	49.06	39.42	39.42
23	Construction of four EXIM godowns and concrete roads around EXIM godowns at Chennai Port	Chennai Port Authority	Port Connectivity	Under Implementation	54.34	27.17	21.74
24	Development of paved storage yard at marshalling yard and JD (east) back up area for handling EXIM cargoes	Chennai Port Authority	Port Modernization	Under Implementation	45.90	22.95	21.80
Total					1,336.2	558.22	541.33
