

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 12.12.2025

DEVELOPMENT OF MEGA PORTS CLUSTERS

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has plans to develop the Chennai-Kamarajar-Cuddalore cluster, one among the six port clusters as mega ports cluster by 2047, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that 234 projects of modernization under Sagarmala, at cost of Rs. 2,91,622 Cr. have been undertaken for implementation, if so, the details thereof indicating the number and cost of completed and under development projects; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to make the eastern coast in Tamil Nadu as a Port and Shipping hub in Asia, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Maritime India Vision 2030 envisions Chennai-Kamarajar-Cuddalore cluster to become Mega Port in the eastern coast by 2047. This cluster is targeted to achieve a cargo handling capacity of over 300 million tonners per annum by the year 2047.
- (b) Under the Port Modernization pillar of Sagarmala Programme, a total of 234 projects at cost of Rs. 2,89,427Cr. have been undertaken for implementation and out of 234 projects, 106 projects worth Rs. 32,675Cr. have been completed and 56 projects worth Rs. 74,743 Cr. are under implementation.
- (c) The key initiative of Government includes Port Modernisation of Chennai, Ennore (Kamarajar), and Tuticorin (VO Chidambaranar) ports, and investment in infrastructure connectivity such as rail and road linkages. Further, strategic location, deep-draft ports, and policy support aim to position Tamil Nadu as a key maritime hub in Asia.
