

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 261
ANSWERED ON 03/02/2023

DEVELOPMENT OF KOLKATA PORT

261. SHRIMATI MAHUA MOITRA:

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

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- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to open up development of the entire waterfront currently under the Conservatorship of Kolkata Port Trust along the lines of Inland Waterway Authority of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of cargo handled by the Kolkata port since 2012, year and cargo-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority (SMPA), Kolkata (erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust), has two Dock Systems – Kolkata Dock System (KDS) and Haldia Dock Complex (HDC). Both the Dock Systems are situated on the land parcels owned by SMPA. SMPA has 4543 acres of land including roads, railways, water bodies, Dock basin and leased / licensed out land of 1256.13 acres in Kolkata and 6563 acres comprising land under utilization of SMPA and also the land measuring 2394 acres in Haldia.

SMPA is moving towards landlord port model and has plans for following future development of waterfront through PPP Model:-

- i) As per Master Plan, SMPK will develop a jetty of 500m length at the waterfront of Haldia, upstream of HOJ-III, to cater to Container vessels outside the impounded Dock system so as to improve upon the TRT of Container vessels.
- ii) Similarly, at the water front of Kolkata, SMPK will develop a Container terminal, upstream of Netaji Subhas Dock, so as to overcome the restrictions of lock gates of Dock System.

iii) Setting up Extended Gate at Balagarh, about 80 kms upstream of Kolkata, by erecting jetties.

iv) In the near future, concessionaires would be engaged through competitive bidding to manage and operate number of berths of HDC and KDS.

(c) The volume of cargo handled since 2012 are enumerated below:

Cargo Traffic Handled at SMPK from 2012-13 to 2022-23
(In Million Metric Tonnes)

2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (Apr-Dec)
39.928	41.386	46.293	50.289	50.951	57.891	63.763	63.983	61.368	58.175	47.802

KDS mainly handles containerized cargo whereas HDC mainly handles dry and liquid bulk cargo. The principal commodities handled at SMPK over last 10 years are Coking and Non-Coking Coal, Limestone, Manganese Ore / Slag, Vegetable Oil, Container, Fertilizers, Fly Ash, POL etc.
