

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2864
ANSWERED ON 17/03/2023

STUDY TO CONNECT PORT BY IPRCL

2864. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन एवं जलमार्ग मंत्रालय

- (a) whether Indian Port Rail Corporation Limited (IPRCL) has conducted any study to connect Jaisalmer, Barmer, Bhavtada via Sanchore with Kandla port at Arabian Sea with railways for cargo transport in order to promote import-export;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the total estimated cost of this project; and
- (c) whether IPRCL has given important roadmap and suggestions to the Rajasthan Government for processing and execution of their project and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Rajasthan Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. IPRCL has prepared the project report for "Route rationalization and cost optimization for proposed alignment between Jaisalmer-Barmer-Bhabhar (357.28 KM) in January 2018. The IPRCL has made their suggestions for formulation and execution of said project in Rajasthan in the Project Report submitted in January 2018. The estimated Construction cost of the project is Rs. 1117.00 Cr. as per report submitted by the IPRCL. It is also pertinent that the Indian Railways had also done survey of the said link in the year 2012-13. The rate of the return for the project is (-) 7.74% (Minus). Therefore, Ministry of Railways did not execute the project on the basis of non-viability.

(c) Yes, sir IPRCL has submitted the copies of the Report to the Government of Rajasthan with a roadmap which includes Preparation of Detailed Report and its approval from Railways, on boarding of key stakeholders, formation of JV / SPV for implementation of the project and Project Execution (agreement between IPRCL and JV / SPVs for implementation). As per the information from the Government of Rajasthan, in- principle approval for the Railway Project for goods transportation from Jaisalmer to Kandla has been given by the State Government.
