

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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COASTAL ECONOMIC ZONES

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ten coastal economic regions are proposed to be developed by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the expenditure estimated to be incurred on the project;
- (c) whether the Government has invited private investment in the development of Inland Waterways in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the criteria laid down in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. However, Government of India is in the process of evolving a model of port-led development through the Sagar Mala Project which would connect the ports with their hinterland through road, rail, inland waterways and also promote coastal shipping.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. Recently, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA) has invited "Expression of Interest" from the organizations interested in development, operation and maintenance of 31 priority terminals in National Waterways on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode and has received encouraging response.