

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3285
ANSWERED ON 17.12.2021

PORT PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

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Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:
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- (a) whether the Government of West Bengal has submitted any proposal regarding ports during last ten years and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether any project has been undertaken with regards to the ports in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof during the last five years; and
- (c) the amount of funds allocated and utilized for the purpose during the said period?

ANSWER

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

(a) Government of India (GoI) proposed to setup a major port at Sagar Island for which in principal approval was granted by the cabinet. Simultaneously, Government of West Bengal (GoWB) proposed to develop a non-major Port at Tajpur. Subsequently, it was decided to setup new deep-water port at Tajpur jointly by GoI and GoWB due to better connectivity and rail link options than the proposed Sagar Port. The matter was considered, and priority is being given to utilize the capacity of existing major port in West Bengal.

(b) There are 52 Projects worth more than Rs 11,000 Cr. identified under Sagarmala Programme in the state of West Bengal for enhancing the infrastructure related to Port led Industrialization, Port Modernization, Port Connectivity enhancement, Coastal Community Development & Coastal Shipping and Inland Waterways. These projects are implemented by Central Ministries, IWAI, Indian Railways, State Government and Major Ports etc.

There are 8 projects worth Rs. 486 Cr partially funded through Sagarmala Programme. Out of these 8 Projects, 5 projects worth Rs 315 Cr have been completed, 2 projects worth Rs. 164 Cr. are under implementation and 1 projects worth Rs. 6 Cr. is under development.

(c) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has sanctioned Rs. 151 Cr., out of which Rs. 136 Cr. has been released.
