

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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SOCIETY FOR AFFORDABLE REDRESSAL OF DISPUTES- PORTS

3004. SHRI AYODHYA RAMI REDDY:

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

- (a) the details of the features of the Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes - Ports (SAROD-Ports) launched recently to advise and assist in settlement of disputes through arbitrations in the Maritime sector;
- (b) the progress made under the same;
- (c) the intended impact of the same;
- (d) the details of other measures being taken to promote ease of doing business in the Maritime sector; and
- (e) the details of the proposed measures in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c) In order to seek speedy, affordable, just and reasonable redressal of Dispute/Differences between Major Port Trusts and Concessionaire/Contractor arising out of and during the course of execution of various contracts, a Society for Affordable Resolution of Disputes - Ports (SAROD-Ports) has been registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 on 30th January, 2020. The formation of SAROD-Ports aims at enhancing confidence of concessionaire, promoting ease of doing business in the Maritime Sector, reducing avoidable litigation/arbitration and minimising the idling of the Port asset resulting sustained business for concessionaire and the Port authority.

(d) to (e) Several new measures have been introduced to improve Ease of Doing Business in Indian Maritime sector such as 'The Port Community System (PCS) 1X' in 19 port communities across 27 stakeholders, enabling vessel related message exchange between ports and customs. Enterprise Business System (EBS) is already being implemented at 6 Major Ports (Mumbai, Chennai, Deendayal, Paradip, V.O. Chidambaranar, and SMP Kolkata). Moreover, Indian ports have also adopted digital initiatives such as automated gate processing, online berthing systems, etc.
