

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1901
ANSWERED ON 19.12.2023

DEVELOPING NICOBAR ISLANDS AS AN INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING HUB

1901. SHRI SAMIR ORAON:
DR. ANIL JAIN:

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

- (a) whether Government agrees with the significant potential of the Nicobar Islands in promoting India's International trade;
- (b) if so, whether Government is taking any steps to develop Nicobar Islands as an international shipping hub; and
- (c) the details of such steps taken/ proposed to be taken by Government?

ANSWER

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

(a) Galathea Bay in Great Nicobar Island of UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, is strategically located near to the East-West International Sea Trade route and is a suitable location for development of a transshipment sea port.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has identified Galathea Bay in Great Nicobar Island for development of International Container Transshipment Port (ICTP) for transshipment of containers. Feasibility studies have been carried out and Environment Clearance (EC) is received on 11/11/2022. The draft Detailed Project Report (DPR) for development of International Container Transshipment Port is received.
