

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF NAGAPATTINAM PORT

958. SHRI S. KALYANASUNDARAM:

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by Government for the development of Nagapattinam Port;
- (b) the details of the steps taken to upgrade the capacity of Nagapattinam Port; and
- (c) the amount of funds allocated and disbursed for the same from the year 2020?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways under Sagarmala Scheme has undertaken the projects 'Upgradation of Nagapattinam Port Infrastructure for the passenger ferry service from Nagapattinam (India) to Kankesanthurai (Sri Lanka)' at an estimated cost of INR 10.47 Cr. with 100% funding.

In addition, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) extended grant assistance of INR 8 Crore to Tamil Nadu Maritime Board (TNMB) for upgrading passenger facilities at Nagapattinam port. MEA is also providing viability gap funding amounting to INR 70.28 Lakh to TNMB to cover expenditure related to Nagapattinam port operations and deployment of security personnel since August 2024 in respect of ferry service between Nagapattinam, India and Kankesanthurai, Sri Lanka, which was officially launched on 14 October 2023.
