

Development of Smart Industrial Port Cities

The Minister of State for Road Transport, Shipping and Chemical & Fertilizers Shri Mansukh Mandaviya in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today informed that the Government of India under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has decided to develop two Smart Industrial Port Cities one at East Coast (Paradip Port) and another at West Coast (Deen Dayal Port, Kandla) to promote Port-Led Industrial development by providing necessary infrastructure and allied services at one place for EXIM trade to boost up economy of the country. Development activities for various project components like setting up of Multi Modal Logistics Park, Industrial Park, development of Road Network and Truck Terminals are in full swing at both the locations.

In reply to another question Shri Mandaviya informed the House that the Ministry of Shipping has launched the flagship **Programme Sagarmala** to promote **Port-Led Development** in the country. Under this programme, more than 600 projects with infrastructure investment of Rs. 8.78 Lakh Crore have been identified since its inception. 105 projects of worth Rs. 0.16 Crore have been completed so far and 414 projects of worth Rs. 4.16 Crore are in advanced stages of implementation.

Under Coastal Community Development component of this programme, 17606 persons have been trained and employed in various Ship Breaking Yards and 1143 persons have been placed in various companies in Coastal Districts out of the 1978 persons trained under pilot phase of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushal Yojana-Sagarmala convergence. It is estimated that 40 Lakhs (direct) and 60 Lakh (indirect) jobs would be available after completion of all the projects of the Sagarmala Programme by 2025.

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