

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN MARITIME SECTOR

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

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- (a) whether the Government has any feasibility or impact assessment study for the proposed scheme for creation of 50,000 employment opportunities in the Maritime Sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the specific maritime skills that are likely to be imparted through the Maritime Skill Development Centre in Guwahati and the upcoming Centres of Excellence in Dibrugarh;
- (d) the total financial outlay and sources of funding for setting up the Centre of Excellence in Dibrugarh and the expected timeline for its completion; and
- (e) the manner in which the Government is likely to ensure equal opportunities for all eight north eastern States in the 50,000 maritime jobs proposed to be created?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) As part of Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, island development as Maritime Cities is the focus area in coming years. The islands shortlisted for development are in Union Territories of Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and in the State of Gujarat. The themes for development include eco-tourism facilities, ship repair, sea plan building and repair, maritime training institute, free trade zones and bunkering terminals. The envisaged development is expected to generate 50,000 plus direct and indirect employment on the islands.
- (c) Maritime Skill Development Centre (MSDC), Guwahati is providing specialized training in areas such as maritime safety, Inland vessel management i.e., General Purpose Rating Course, Crew Management, Hospitality, Safety etc. The courses at upcoming Regional Centre of Excellence (RCoE) at Dibrugarh include training in

Advanced Technologies like Smart navigation systems, Marine Engineering, IT, and Logistics in addition to the basic inland waterway courses as per Rules.

- (d) The total estimated cost for setting up RCoE in Dibrugarh through Government Budgetary Support (GBS) is Rs.188 Crore and the project has a completion schedule of 19 month.
- (e) Both the Centers in north eastern region aim to provide opportunities for the prospective trainees from all over the country including eight north eastern States.
