

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.134

TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th JULY, 2017

COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT SCHEME IN GANGA RIVER

†134. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to formulate a scheme for commercial transport in Ganga;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard so far; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a)to(c):To strengthen navigation capacity and promote transportation of cargo and passengers on National Waterway-1 (NW-1) on the Haldia-Varanasi stretch of Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System, the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) is being implemented with the technical and investment support of the World Bank. The project has been appraised by the Public Investment Board, at an estimated cost of Rs. 5,369.18 crore, and is scheduled to be completed by 2021-22. The project includes construction of multimodal terminals at Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Sahibganj (Jharkhand) and Haldia (West Bengal) and a new navigational lock at Farakka (West Bengal).
