

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3490
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH MARCH, 2018**

TECHNICALLY VIABLE NATIONAL WATERWAYS

**3490. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:**

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to take up a new set of technically viable National Waterways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, National Waterway-wise; and
- (c) whether the technical study of viability of these National Waterways have been done?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Subsequent to declaration of 111 National Waterways (NWs) (including five existing NWs) under the National Waterways Act, 2016, feasibility studies have been undertaken by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in respect of 106 NWs. As per feasibility reports completed so far, 36 NWs have been found technically viable by the IWAI and developmental activities have been initiated on 8 NWs as per list enclosed at Annex.

List of 8 new National Waterways taken up for development

Name of the Waterway	Status
1. River Barak (NW-16)	Phase -1 of NW-16 from Silchar to Bhanga is being developed at a cost of Rs. 76.01 crore. Maintenance dredging for fairway development work in Silchar-Bhanga stretch has commenced. DPRs for the upgradation of terminals at Badarpur, Karimganj and new floating terminal at Silchar are at an advanced stage.
2. River Gandak (NW-37)	Proposal for development at a cost of Rs. 12.91 crore has been approved on 02.06.2017 and fairway maintenance work has commenced.
Waterways in Goa 3. NW-27-Cumberjua 4. NW 68 – Mandovi 5. NW 111 – Zuari	A proposal for the development of NWs in Goa at an estimated cost of Rs. 22.65 crore has been approved on 02.06.2017. Work is proposed to be executed through Government of Goa with the assistance of Mormugao Port Trust. A Tripartite MoU is expected to be signed for the commencement of works.
6. Alappuzha – Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal (NW-9) :	Proposal for development of the waterway at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.60 crore has been approved on 02.06.2017. Tendering for night navigation facilities has been completed. Dredging is proposed departmentally.
7. River Rupnarayan (NW-86)	Proposal for development of the waterway at an estimated cost of Rs. 24.00 crore has been approved on 02.06.2017. Work has been awarded for setting up of floating terminal.
8. Sunderbans Waterways (NW-97)	Proposal for the development of waterway at an estimated cost of Rs. 18.10 crore has been sanctioned on 10.08.2017. Tender for dredging and floating terminals are in advanced stages.
