

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
RAJYA SABHA
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**WATERWAYS FOR MOVEMENT AND CREATION OF SMALL SHIPS AND CRUISE
FOR GOODS**

768. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:
SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of cities for which the Ministry is making efforts to establish waterways for movement and operation of small ships, cargo vessels and cruises for transportation of goods and the names of rivers which would be used as waterways;
- (b) by when movement through the said waterways would be possible and to which places;
- (c) the amount likely to be spent on it;
- (d) whether the cost on traffic and transportation of goods through waterways would be cheaper than those through other modes or it would be costlier; and
- (e) the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) To promote Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the country, 111 (including 5 existing and 106 new) National Waterways (NWs) spread over 24 States have been declared under the National Waterways Act, 2016. A list of the National Waterways and the States they cover is at **Annex-1**.

National Waterway (NW) – 1 (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System from Haldia to Allahabad), NW-2 (Brahmaputra River from Dhubri to Sadiya) and NW-3 (West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam & Champakara, Udyogmandal Canals in Kochi) are operational with 24 hour navigational facilities. Development of NW-4 in the Mukhtyala –Vijayawada stretch in Andhra Pradesh is going on.

As per the feasibility reports completed so far for the new NWs, out of the 36 NWs found technically viable, developmental activities have been initiated on 10 NWs. The status of these NWs along with the amount to be spent for their development is at **Annex- 2**.

In addition, Government is implementing the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) at a cost of Rs. 5369.18 crore for capacity augmentation of navigation on National Waterway-1 (NW-1) on the Haldia – Varanasi stretch of Ganga-Bhagirathi- Hooghly River System with the technical and financial assistance of the World Bank.

(d) & (e) As per RITES Report of 2014 on “Integrated National Waterways Transportation Grid”, the cost of movement of freight on Inland Water Transport (IWT) is more economical as compared to railway and highways as given below:

Mode	Railways	Highways	IWT
Freight (Rs./T.km)	1.36	2.50	1.06