GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
RAJYA SABHA
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OPERATION OF LARGE TRANSPORT CARGO ON GANGA RIVER

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to operate large transport cargo in Ganga river in Bihar for freight transportation by waterways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such works are being done in Ganga river that do not cause any inconvenience to the operation of transport cargos; and

(d) if so, the details of the works being done?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b) The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is implementing the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP), with technical and financial assistance of the World Bank, at an estimated cost of Rs.5369 crore for augmentation of navigation capacity on the Haldia-Varanasi stretch of National Waterway-1 (Ganga). The major objective of the project is to enable movement of 1500-2000 Dead Weight Tonnage (DWT) vessels. Projects worth Rs.1800 crore (approximately) have commenced on groundunder the JMVP.

(c) &(d) The works on National Waterway-1 under JMVP include construction of multimodal terminals at Varanasi, Sahibganj & Haldia, Ro-Roterminals, navigation lock at Farakka, development of channel marking system, integrated vessel repair & maintenance facilities, automated information techniques of Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS), River Information System (RIS), day and night navigation aids, slipways, bunkering facilities, river training and river conservancy works etc. with the ultimate objective of safe shipping and navigation on Ganga.

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