

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 766
ANSWERED ON- 26/07/2021

NATIONAL WATERWAY-3 IN KERALA

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

- (a) whether there is any development activity going on in the National Waterway-3, in Kerala, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the fund allocation for the project; and
- (c) the schedule for the work completion?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR)

(a) to (c) The stretch of Kollam to Kottapuram of West Coast Canal and Champakara canal & Udyogamandal Canals (205 km) in Kerala was declared as National Waterway (NW-3) in 1993. It has been further extended by 165 km in the North from Kottapuram to Kozhikode in April, 2016 by the National Waterways Act, 2016. Development of waterways for the stretch of Kollam to Kottapuram of West Coast Canal and Champakara canal & Udyogamandal Canals has been completed except for 1.20 km between Edappallikotta & Kollam and is being maintained with a channel of 2 m Least Available Depth and 32/ 38 m bottom width. NW-3 is operational with 24 hours navigational facilities, 9 permanent intermodal terminals with storage facilities and mechanized equipment for loading/ unloading of cargo.

Further, the construction/ modification of existing navigational lock at Thrikunnapuzha in NW-3 at a cost of Rs. 38 crore has been entrusted to Irrigation Department, Govt. of Kerala. The balance capital dredging/ widening along with its allied activities in the stretch Edappallikotta & Kollam at an estimated cost of Rs. 6.75 crore has been sanctioned. An amount of Rs. 33 crore has been released towards construction of navigational lock. The total sanctioned provision for regular operation and maintenance activities during FY 2021-22 is Rs.18.75 crore. The scheduled completion of above 2 ongoing activities is March, 2023.
