

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1906
ANSWERED ON 14/12/2021

STATUS OF NATIONAL WATERWAY IN KERALA

1906. DR. V. SIVADASAN:

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

- (a) the development works currently happening in the National Waterways-3 in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government intends to declare the Kozhikode-Neeleswaram reach as the part of the National Waterway; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b) The details of development works currently happening in the National Waterway-3 (NW-3) in Kerala is at **Annexure**.

(c) & (d) The Government declared the Kottapuram-Kozhikode stretch (165 Km) as National Waterway by extending the existing NW-3 by the National Waterways Act, 2016. However, the declaration of Kozhikode-Neeleswaram reach as NW is not under consideration at present.

Annexure

The details of ongoing development works in the National Waterway-3 (NW-3) in Kerala

- a. Construction of new Navigational Lock at Thrikkunnappuzha, at a cost of Rs. 38 crore entrusted to State Irrigation Department, Kerala.
- b. Construction of Road over Bridge at Kovilthottam, at a cost of Rs. 5.55 crore (on 50% cost sharing basis with KMML) entrusted to Harbour Engineering Department, Govt. of Kerala.
- c. Execution of balance capital dredging and widening in Edappallikotta and Kollam stretch, at a cost of Rs. 6.75 crore. Tender work initiated.
- d. Lifting of 5 nos. High Tension Lines across Champakkara canal entrusted to Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) at a total cost of Rs. 5.15 Crore in February-2019.
- e. Repair of 40 Navigational lock at Thanneermukkom entrusted to Irrigation Department, Govt. of Kerala at a total project cost of Rs. 2.85 Crore.
- f. Lifting of High Tension Line at Karuthedam in Kochi – Kottappuram stretch entrusted to Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) at a total cost of Rs. 1.12 Crore.
- g. Annual fairway maintenance works in NW-3 at a cost of Rs.7.42 crore approved during the F.Y. 2021-22.
- h. Operation and maintenance of IWT terminals in NW-3, at a cost of Rs. 2.28 crore approved during the F.Y. 2021-22.
