

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PLAN TO CONNECT CITIES WITH PORTS THROUGH RIVERS

3824. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

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

- (a) whether there is a plan to connect the cities situated on the banks of major rivers with ports through rivers; and
- (b) if so, the total number of rivers and cities in the country which have been selected for this?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir. There is no such plan. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous organisation under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is mandated with development of National Waterways (NWs) for the purpose of shipping and navigation. 111 Waterways (including 5 existing and 106 new) have been declared as National Waterways under the National Waterways Act, 2016. Out of the 111 NWs, 19 NWs have port connectivity and details of cities connected to the ports through these NWs is given at **Annex**.

Major Ports connectivity to hinterland through National Waterways:

S no.	Major Ports	Connectivity with National Waterways (NWs)
1.	Haldia Port and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port Trust, Kolkata	1. NW-1 (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hoogli river system – 1620 km) with Farakka (WB)-Sahibganj (Jharkhand)-Patna (Bihar)-Varanasi (UP) and Prayagraj (UP). 2. NW-2 (river Brahmaputra – 891 km) with NW-97 (Sunderbans-172 km) (WB) via Indo-Bangladesh Protocol route through Bangladesh (741.6 km) - Dhubri (Assam) – Pandu, Guwahati (Assam) – Jogighopa (Assam) – Neamati (Assam) and Sadiya (Assam). 3. NW-86 (river Roopnarayan 72 km) in West Bengal.
2.	Cochin Port Trust	NW-3 (West coast canal from Kozhikode to Kollam, Champakara canal & Udhoygamandal canal – 205 + 165 km), NW-8 (Alapuzha-Chenganassery Canal- 29 km) & NW-9 (Alapuzha – Kottayam – Athirampuzha canal – 40 km) in the State of Kerala.
3.	Mormugao Port Trust	NW- 27 (Cumberjua canal), NW-68 (river Mandovi), NW-111 (river Zuari) and NW-25 (Chapora river) in the State of Goa.
4.	Ennore Port Trust and Kakinada Port (Minor Port)	NW-4 (Godavari, Kakinada canal, Eluru canal Krishna river, Commamur canal, Bakingham – Puduchery canal- 2890 km) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and U.T. of Puducherry.
5.	Paradip Port Trust (PPT)	NW-5 (Brahmani- Kharsua - Tantighai- PanduaNala- DedheiNala-KaniDhamra- river System, Geonkhali- Charbatia Stretch of East Coast canal, Charbatia- Dhamra Stretch of Matai river and Mahanadi Delta rivers (588) / Odisha)
6.	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)	NW-10 (Amba river (45) / Maharashtra), NW-28 (Dabhol Creek-Vashisti river (45) / Maharashtra) NW-85 (Revadanda Creek- Kundalika river (31) / Maharashtra) NW-73 (Narmada river (227) / Maharashtra & Gujarat) NW-100 (Tapi river (164) / Maharashtra & Gujarat)
7	Karwar Port (Minor Port)	NW 52 (River Kali -10 Km)
