

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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WATERWAYS IN ASSAM

1588. SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA:

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

- (a) the details of various schemes being implemented by Government to utilise the waters of river Brahmaputra in Assam;
- (b) a comparative analysis with previous Governments, of the yearly expenditure incurred by the Ministry to develop waterways and shipping in Assam; and
- (c) the total length of waterways developed in Assam since 2014 and future plans regarding the same?

ANSWER

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

- (a) A project for comprehensive development of National Waterways-2 (River Brahmaputra) at the cost of Rs. 474 cr has been taken up by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways for implementation during 2020-21 to 2024-25. Details of activities are at **Annexure-1**. Besides, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has a Central Sector Scheme (CSS) under which 100 % grant is provided to North Eastern States for development of Inland Water Transport. Details of ongoing projects under CSS in the State of Assam is at **Annexure-2**.
- (b) Comparative statement of yearly expenditure details on development of waterways in Assam for periods of 5 years from 2009-10 to 2013-14 under previous Government and from 2014-15 to 2018-19 under present Government is detailed at **Annexure-3**.
- (c) In addition to 891 km of NW-2 (the Brahmaputra) in 2014, 19 more Waterways were declared as National Waterways (NWs) in NER through National Waterways Act, 2016. Out of which 121 km of NW-16 (the Barak) has been taken up for development. Further, projects for development of Dhansiri river (NW-31) and Kopili river (NW-57) have been approved.

Annexure -1

Ongoing Projects on Brahmaputra River (NW-2) in Assam as on 30th November 2022:

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Description of activities
1	Comprehensive Development of NW-2 at a cost of Rs. 474 crore.	Project for development of NW-2 includes the following main activities:- (i) Construction of Jogighopa terminal, (ii) Construction of cargo cum passenger terminal at Bogibeel, Dibrugarh (iii) Fairway development (iv) O&M of navigational aids (v) O&M of fixed & floating terminals (vi) O&M of vessels (vii) Consultancy/training (viii) Maintenance of e-portal etc.

Annexure-2

S.No.	Name of Project/Description	Cost of Project (Rs. in Crore)
1.	Construction of 25 nos. of 17.0 M long Floating Terminals for 25 Ghat Banks on the river Brahmaputra under Central Sector Scheme	10.97
2.	Construction of 15 nos. of 17.0 M long Floating Terminals for 15 Ghat Points on the river Barak (NW-16) under Central Sector Scheme.	6.37
3.	Construction of 16 nos. of 25.0 M long Floating Terminals for 16 Ghat Banks on the river Brahmaputra under Central Sector Scheme	13.70

Annexure -3

Comparative statement of expenditure details on development of waterways in Assam

Tenure of Previous Government from 2009-2014		Tenure of Present Government from 2014- 2019	
Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)	Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
2009-10	52.11	2014-15	37.33
2010-11	40.33	2015-16	79.39
2011-12	56.47	2016-17	74.67
2012-13	56.91	2017-18	118.97
2013-14	48.64	2018-19	109.61
