

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1586
ANSWERED ON 14/03/2023

DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAY SYSTEM IN ODISHA

1586. SMT. SULATA DEO:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the immense untapped potential of the river system in Odisha with respect to inland waterways;
- (b) the quantum of funds allocated by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) to develop Phase I of the system in the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether a measure shall also be introduced to lay out Phases II and III of the waterway system; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir, studies undertaken show immense potential of the National Waterway -5 in Odisha.
- (b) The quantum of funds allocated by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) to develop Phase I of the system, year-wise, for the last five years is at **Annex-I**.
- (c)& (d) IWAI has already initiated the development works for the Phase-I of the waterway i.e. the stretch between Paradip / Dharma to Pankapal and appointed a Transaction Advisor in order to evaluate the options of development of waterway through PPP framework. The Phase- II and III of the Waterway system is to be taken up post completion of Phase-I, as per the finding of DPR.

Annex-I

The quantum of funds allocated by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) to develop Phase I of the system, year-wise, for the last five years

Sr. No.	Year wise	Sanction amount approved from H.O. (Rs. in cr.)
1	2018-19	2.08
2	2019-20	11.70
3	2020-21	5.16
4	2021-22	6.81
5	2022-23	17.95
	Total	43.70
