

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2382
ANSWERED ON 21/03/2023

PLAN FOR INTER-STATE WATERWAYS

2382. Ms. KAVITA PATIDAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any inter-state waterways plan, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, whether there is any such plan in future, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has invited any domestic and foreign investment for the development of waterways from river Narmada; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes, Sir. To promote Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the country, 111 waterways [including 5 pre-notified National Waterways (NWs)] and 106 new waterways spread over 24 States were declared as National Waterways under the National Waterways Act, 2016.

Based on the outcome of Techno-Economic Feasibility Study and Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the NWs, 26 NWs have been found feasible for cargo and passenger movement. Action Plan has been formulated for development of 26 NWs which were found viable for cargo and passenger movement as detailed at Annexure – I. Presently, development activities have been initiated on 18 NWs (S.No. 1 to 18 of the Annexure).

- (b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.
- (c) No. Sir.
- (d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

**LIST OF 26 NATIONAL WATERWAYS (NWs)
FOUND FEASIBLE FOR CARGO / PASSENGER MOVEMENT**

Sl. No	NW	Details of Waterways	Length (Km)	STATES	Status
1	NW 1	Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia - Allahabad)	1620	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	Development taken up with Assistance from World Bank Jal Marg Vikas Project
2	NW 2	Brahmaputra River (Dhubri - Sadiya)	891	Assam	Development taken up as per approved SFC for FY 2020-21 to 2024-25 Mostly Operational Waterways and development and maintenance work taken up.
3	NW 16	Barak River (Lakhipur -Tuker Gram)	121	Assam	
4	NW 3	West Coast Canal (Kottapuram - Kollam), Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals	205	Kerala	
5	NW 4	Krishna River (Vijayawada – Muktyala)	82	Andhra Pradesh	
6	NW 5	Dhamra-Paradip via Mangalagadi to Pankopal	233	Odisha	
7	NW 8	Alappuzha- Changanassery Canal	29	Kerala	
8	NW 9	Alappuzha - Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal	40	Kerala (Alternate route: 11.5km)	
9	NW 27	Cumberjua River (Cortalim-Ferry to Sao MartiasVidhanParisad)	17	Goa	
10	NW 68	Mandovi River (Usgoan bridge to Arabian Sea)	41	Goa	
11	NW 111	Zuari River (Sanvorden bridge to Marmugao Port)	50	Goa	
12	NW 86	Rupnarayan River (Pratap Pur to Geonkhali)	72	West Bengal	
13	NW 97	Sunderbans Waterway (Namkhana to AtharaBanki Khal)	172	West Bengal	
14	NW 40	Ghagra River (Faizabad to ManjhiGhat)	345	Bihar & U.P.	
15	NW 52	Kali River (Kodasalli Dam to Sadashivgad Bridge, Arabian Sea)	53	Karnataka	
16	NW 44	Ichamati River (Bridge at Gobra to Bansjhari near Bangladesh Border)	63	West Bengal	
17	NW 57	Kopili River (Banthai Gaon Tinali Bus Stop to Chandrapur No.2 confluence with Brahmaputra)	50	Assam	
18	NW 31	Dhansiri River (Morongi T.E. village	110	Assam	