

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2389  
ANSWERED ON 21/03/2023

**WATER WAYS AND CLEARING OF RIVER BEDS**

2389. SHRI K. VANLALVENA:

Will the MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to extend the national water way No 6 upto Tipaimukh at Mizoram-Manipur border;
- (b) whether Government has any plan to clear river beds of Khawthlangtuipui (Karnafuli) near Tlabung village;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to prepare Kolodyne river for navigation from Sittwa seaport upto Myanmar-Mizoram border in Southern Mizoram; and
- (d) whether Government has any plan to construct inland waterway upto Sairang Village from Bairabi through Tlawng river?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Inland Waterways Authority of India (an autonomous body under Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways) undertakes developmental/navigational works on National Waterways in terms of Inland Waterways Authority of India Act, 1985. As river Khawthlangtuipui in Mizoram is not a National Waterway, its development does not come under the domain of IWAI. However, under Central Sector Scheme, a project for phase-I of Development of IWT on River Khawthlangtuipui-Tuichawng in Lungeli District of Mizoram at cost of Rs. 6.17 crore has been approved by Government and 1<sup>st</sup> instalment of Rs. 1.23 crore has also been released on 30.12.2021. The project also contains dredging works in Khawthlangtuipui-Tuichawng River.

(c) The Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP) has been undertaken and funded by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to provide an alternative connectivity to the North East Region of India with the Kolkata Port and the rest of India. The project envisages connectivity between Haldia/Kolkata in West Bengal through sea route upto Sittwe (539 Km) in

Myanmar. Thereafter, from Sittwe Port to Paletwa (158 Km) through Kolodyne river (Kaladan river) and then by road from Paletwa to Indo-Myanmar Border to Mizoram (121 Km).

(d) No, Sir. Tlawng (Dhaleswari) river from from Khamrang near NH-54 to Bridge on NH-154 at Gharmura (including the stretch of Bhairabi to Satlang) for a length of 87.136 km was declared as National Waterway No. 102 under National Waterways Act, 2016. As per the findings of the Feasibility Study Report, there is insufficient depth in the river for development for the purpose of shipping and navigation at present.

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