

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3183**  
ANSWERED ON 28/03/2023

**NEW RIVERINE PORTS**

3183. SHRI DEEPAK PRAKASH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is considering to construct new riverine ports on the lines of Government run airports; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the State of Jharkhand?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous organisation under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has undertaken construction of Multi-Model Terminal (MMTs)/Inter-Model Terminals (IMTs)/Jetties on National Waterways through Government Budgetary Support (GBS) including financial support from the World Bank. So far, no terminal on National Waterways has been developed through a concessionaire under PPP mode. Operationalization of riverine MMTs/Terminals through PPP is one of the options available.
- (b) IWAI has constructed three multi-modal terminals on NW-1 at Varanasi, Sahibganj and Haldia under Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP). MMT Sahibganj is in Jharkhand.

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