

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1760**  
ANSWERED ON – 06/08/2024

**DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WATERWAYS**

1760. DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI:

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

- (a) whether Government has made any plan regarding inter-State waterways, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, whether there is any such plan in the near future and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has invited any domestic and foreign investment for the development of waterways with respect to river Narmada; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Yes. To promote Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the country, 111 Waterways (including 5 existing and 106 new) spread over 24 states have been declared as National Waterways under the National Waterways Act, 2016. Out of 111 NWs, 25 NWs are inter-State NWs as detailed at **Annex.-1**.

(c) & (d) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) invited Expression of Interest (EoI) for operationalization of NW-73 (River Narmada) & NW-100 (River Tapi) in the State of Gujarat on PPP mode in March 2023 for domestic investment in riverine ports. However, no concrete proposal was received for any investment.

**List of Inter-State National Waterways**

(Government of India has declared 111 waterways as National Waterways through National Waterways Act, 2016 enacted on 12.04.2016).

Sl. No	National Waterway No.	Length (km)	Details of Waterways	STATES
1	National Waterway 1	1620	Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia - Allahabad)	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal
2	National Waterway 4	50	Kakinada Canal (Kakinada to Rajahmundry)	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Pondichery and Maharashtra
		171	Godavari river (Bhadrachalam to Rajahmundry)	
		139	Eluru Canal (Rajahmundry to Vijayawada)	
		157	Krishna river (Wazirabad to Vijayawada)	
		113	Commamur Canal (Vijayawada to Peddaganjam)	
		316	North Buckingham Canal (Peddaganjam to Central Station of Chennai)	
		110	South Buckingham canal (Central Station of Chennai to Marakanam)	
		22	Marakanam to Puducherry through Kaluvelly tank	
		1202	River Godavari (Bhadrachalam - Nashik)	
3	National Waterway 5	636	River Krishna (Wazirabad - Galagali)	Odisha and West Bengal
		256	East Coast Canal and Matai river	
		265	Brahmani-Kharsua-Dhamra rivers	
4	National Waterway 13	11	Avm Canal	Kerala & Tamil Nadu
5	National Waterway 17	189	Beas River	Himachal Pradesh & Punjab
6	National Waterway 21	139	Bheema River	Karnataka & Telangana

7	National Waterway 37	296	Gandak River	Bihar & Uttar Pradesh
8	National Waterway 38	62	Gangadhar River	Assam & West Bengal
9	National Waterway 40	354	Ghaghra River	Bihar & Uttar Pradesh
10	National Waterway 45	650	Indira Gandhi Canal	Punjab , Haryana &Rajashtan
11	National Waterway 48	590	Jawai-Luni-Rann Of Kutch River System	Gujarat & Rajasthan
12	National Waterway 50	43	Jinjiram River	Assam & Meghalaya
13	National Waterway 54	86	Karamnasa River	Bihar & Uttar Pradesh
14	National Waterway 62	86	Lohit River	Assam & Arunachal Pradesh
15	National Waterway 70	245	Manjara River	Maharashtra &Telangana
16	National Waterway 73	226	Narmada River	Maharashtra & Gujarat
17	National Waterway 78	262	Penganaga - Wardha River System	Maharashtra &Telangana
18	National Waterway 84	44	Ravi River	Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Punjab
19	National Waterway 96	311	Subarnrekha River	Jharkhand, West Bengal & Odisha
20	National Waterway 98	377	Sutlej River	Himachal Pradesh & Punjab
21	National Waterway 100	436	Tapi River	Maharashtra & Gujarat
22	National Waterway 102	87	Tlwang (Dhaleswari River)	Assam & Mizoram
23	National Waterway 104	232	Tungabhadra River	Karnataka, Telangana& Andhra Pradesh
24	National Waterway 109	166	Wainganga - Pranahita River System	Maharashtra &Telangana
25	National Waterway 110	1080	Yamuna River	Delhi, Haryana & Uttar Pradesh

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