

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1747
ANSWERED ON 10.12.2024

DEVELOPING NAVIGATIONAL ROUTES UNDER JMVP

1747. SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted any assessment to develop navigational routes on the Sutlej and Beas rivers for freight movement in Punjab under Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) and National Waterways (NW) program;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the fund allocated and released under JMVP and NW program for various projects, State-wise and project-wise including Punjab?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) is the World Bank assisted project for capacity augmentation of National Waterway-1 (NW-1) on Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system passing through the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. Sutlej River (NW-98) and Beas River (NW-17) flow through the states of Himachal Pradesh and Punjab. As such development of these two NWs does not come under JMVP.

(c) Funds sanctioned and expenditure incurred by the Government for JMVP for NW-1 and other projects on NWs in the country are at **Annexure-1**.

Annexure -1

Details of the funds sanctioned by the Government for JMVP (NW-1) and other projects on NWs and expenditure incurred:

Sl.No	Name of Project	Sanctioned Amount (INR Cr)	Expenditure as on 31.10.2024
1	Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP-I & II) from Varanasi-Haldia stretch on NW-1 (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System) in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	5061.15	3115.95
2	Design and Construction of 8 no. Hybrid Electric Catamaran	144	66.91
3	Comprehensive Development of NW-2 (River Brahmaputra from Bangladesh Border –Dhubri to Sadiya) in Assam	474	378.60
4	Development of Approach Road from Pandu Port Terminal to NH-27 and Development of Ship Repair Facility on NW-2 at Pandu, Guwahati(Assam)	388	235.44
5	Comprehensive Development of NW-16 (River Barak from Lakhimpur to Tukur Gram) in Assam and Indian Portion of Indo-Bangladesh Route in Assam	147.79	37.04
6	Development of 23 NW's (Phase-1) (3 existing & 13 new NW's) -- Development of 16 NWs (NW-3, 4, 5 & 13 new NWs) in the States of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Goa, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra & Assam	266.09	127.30
