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NATIONAL WATERWAYS IN UTTAR PRADESH

2880. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

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

- (a) the number of national waterways identified by Government in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the number of waterways out of the identified national waterways where transport service has been started;
- (c) the efforts being made by Government to expand transport service in future through waterways in Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) 11 Waterways in the state of Uttar Pradesh including 5 inter-state waterways have been declared as National Waterways (NWs) as per National Waterways Act, 2016.

(b) Infrastructure facilities for cargo/passenger movement have been provided by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in National Waterway-1 (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System), NW-40 (Ghaghra river) and NW-110 (Yamuna river). Most of the NWs in Uttar Pradesh have boat/passenger movement across the rivers while cargo movement is recorded in NW-1.

(c) & (d) Capacity augmentation of National Waterway-1 has been taken up under Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) by IWAI. The major interventions under JMVP in the State of Uttar Pradesh are given below:

- i. Multi Modal Terminal (MMT) – Varanasi.
- ii. 15 Community Jetties.
- iii. One Quick Pontoon Opening Mechanism (QPOM).
- iv. River conservancy works of bandalling and navigational aids for fairway maintenance in NW-1.
