

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3518**  
ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025

**PROGRESS OF NATIONAL WATERWAY - 16**

3518. MS. SUSHMITA DEV:

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

- (a) the current status of the development of National Waterway-16 (NW-16), including the total stretch operational for navigation;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilised for the development of NW-16;
- (c) the expected timeline for full operationalisation of NW-16;
- (d) the steps taken by Government to enhance cargo and passenger movement along this waterway; and
- (e) whether there are any pending environmental or regulatory clearances affecting the progress of NW-16, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous body under Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) has two permanent terminals at Badarpur and Karimganj National Waterway-16 (NW-16). The terminals have been renovated recently and are operational. At present Bhanga to Ujjainigram (48 km stretch) of NW-16 is operational for navigation. Rs. 147.79 Cr. has been allocated for comprehensive development of NW-16 & Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) Route and Rs. 37.50 Cr. has been utilized. This project includes among others, fairway development, upgradation of Badarpur & Karimganj terminals of NW-16.

(e) No environmental and regulatory clearance is pending.

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