

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3035**  
ANSWERED ON 19.08.2025

**MMLP IN OR AROUND BELAGAVI**

3035. SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

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

- (a) the steps being taken under the Sagarmala Programme to improve hinterland connectivity from industrial hubs like Belagavi to major ports such as Karwar, Mormugao, and Mangaluru;
- (b) whether a feasibility study has been conducted for a Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) in or around Belagavi to boost exports;
- (c) the status of any road or rail connectivity projects specifically aimed at reducing logistics time and cost for industries in Belagavi;
- (d) whether any river in Belagavi district has been identified for development under the National Waterways Act, 2016; and
- (e) the incentives offered to exporters from Belagavi to use coastal shipping for domestic cargo movement?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) Sagarmala Programme has a dedicated pillar of 'Port Connectivity' which focuses on the last mile and hinterland connectivity of the ports. As part of the Sagarmala Programme, the Belagavi–Panjim NH-4A four-laning project (53.28 km) has been identified at an estimated cost of ₹1,332 crore, with NHAI as the implementing agency. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has not conducted feasibility study for a Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) in or around Belagavi. However, a report on 'Connectivity of Ports to Industrial Nodes' has been prepared by MoPSW wherein an assessment and gap analysis of connectivity of the seaports vis-a-vis all the existing and upcoming nodes including Dharwad located near Belagavi has been conducted under National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT).

(d) & (e) Yes, 3 National Waterways i.e. Krishna River ( a constituent of NW-4), Ghataprabha river (NW-41) and Malaparabha River (NW-67) have been identified for development under the National Waterways Act, 2016. MoPSW is promoting coastal shipping through providing priority berthing at Major Ports and a discount of 40% is offered by Major Ports in vessels and cargo related charges to coastal cargo vessels.

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