

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3036**  
ANSWERED ON 19.08.2025

**NATIONAL WATERWAYS IN ODISHA**

3036. SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN:

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

- (a) the number and length of National Waterways passing through Odisha;
- (b) the status of cargo and passenger movement;
- (c) whether Inland Waterways Authority has proposed new routes;
- (d) the support provided to Odisha for developing river ports; and
- (e) whether coordination with the State Government is satisfactory?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) The details of National Waterways (NWs) passing through or in the State of Odisha with the volume of cargo movement are at **Annex-1**.

Inland Waterways Authority of India(IWAI), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways did not maintain data on passenger movement till 2024-25. however, the data collection on passenger movement has been started since April 2025.

(c) Yes.

(d) to (e) Govt of Odisha has not sought any help on development of River Ports in Odisha, however, on their request IWAI has provided 1 Ro-Ro vessel to Govt of Odisha. Further, Govt of Odisha is co-ordinating effectively with IWAI in all its action plans for the operationalization of NWs in the State.

**Annex.-1**

**The details of National Waterways (NWs) passing through or are in the State of Odisha with the Volume of cargo movement:**

<b>National Waterway(NW)</b>	<b>Stretch</b>	<b>Length ( in Km)</b>	<b>Cargo Movement Apr-2024 to Mar-2025 (Metric Tonnes)</b>
NW-5 (East Coast Canal And Matai River/Brahmani-Kharsua-Dhamra Rivers/Mahanadi Delta Rivers)	Comprising of Talcher-Dhamra Stretch of Brahmani-Kharsua-Tantighai-PanduaNala-DudheiNala-KaniDhamra-river system, Geonkhali-Charbatia Stretch of East Coast Canal, Charbatia-Dhamra Stretch of Matai River and Mahanadi Delta Rivers	588	376757
NW-14 (Baitarni River)	Dattapur village to confluence with Dhamra river near LaxmiprasadDia	49	Nil
NW-22 (BirupaBadiGengutiBrahmani River System)	Birupa Barrage at Choudwar to Confluence of Birupa and Brahmani rivers near UpperkaiPada village including alternative route from Samaspur village to near Kharagpur village Bramani river from confluence of Birupa and Brahmani rivers near UpperkaiPada village to Brahmani river at Katana	156	Nil
NW-23 (BudhaBalanga River)	Barrage (approx 300m from Patalipura village) to confluence of BudhaBalanga river with Bay of Bengal at Chandipur Fishing Port	56	15644
NW-64 (Mahanadi River)	Sambalpur Barrage to Paradip Port	425	402370
NW-96 (Subarnarekha River)	Chandil Dam to confluence with Bay of Bengal	314	Nil

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