

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1270
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2026

CARGO SHIFTED UNDER THE JALVAHAK SCHEME

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

- (a) the number of cargo shipments shifted from road and rail to inland waterways under the Jalvahak Scheme;
- (b) whether the target of shifting 800 million tonne-km of cargo by 2027 is on track;
- (c) if so, the percentage of this target achieved in 2025;
- (d) the number of fixed day scheduled services running between Kolkata-Varanasi (NW-1) and Kolkata-Pandu (NW-2) as of December 2025;
- (e) the number of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) that have allocated a part of their cargo for inland waterway transport;
- (f) whether the financial incentive for private cargo owners moving goods over 300 km has been paid; and
- (g) if so, the total amount disbursed up to December 2025?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Twenty one (21) cargo shipments have been shifted from road / rail to waterways under the Jalvahak Scheme since its launch on 15.12.2024.
- (b) &(c) So far 12.5 million Ton-Km cargo have been moved under the Jalvahak scheme i.e. 1.56% of target.

(d) Fourteen (14) voyages on National Waterway-1 (NW-1) and seven (7) voyages on National Waterway-2 (NW-2) under scheduled service have been completed so far.

(e) Steel Authority of India Limited has moved 300 MT of steel through inland water transport under scheduled services.

(f) & (g) No incentive has been disbursed till date as none of the registered cargo owners has submitted any claim for cargo movement under financial incentive component of Jalvahak Scheme.
