

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2075
ANSWERED ON 10.03.2026

CARGO MOVEMENT IN NATIONAL WATERWAYS

2075. DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India recorded a historic cargo movement of 145.5 million tonnes on national waterways during FY 2024–25, indicating significant growth in inland water transport;
- (b) if so, the extent to which this growth has benefited Maharashtra's logistics and maritime sector, particularly cargo handling at Jawaharlal Nehru Port and minor ports;
- (c) whether any proposals exist to connect industrial and export hubs such as Pune and Nashik with inland waterways or multimodal terminals to reduce logistics costs; and
- (d) if so, the details and timelines thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) India has recorded a cargo movement of 145.84 million tonnes (MT) on National Waterways (NWs) during 2024–25, reflecting a growth of 706% as compared to the movement of 18.1 MT in 2013-14.
- (b) A total of 66.12 MT cargo has moved through the National Waterways in Maharashtra during 2024-25, which is 45.33% of the total cargo movement through National Waterways in the country. The NW-10 (Amba River) is connected with Mumbai Port and 16.18 MT cargo has been handled through Mumbai Port Authority anchorage. Details of cargo movement on Maharashtra Waterways during 2024-25 is given at Annexure-1.
- (c) No Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

Annexure-1

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2075 for 10/03/2026.

NW-wise Cargo Movement on Maharashtra Waterways during 2024-25 (in Million Tons)	
National Waterways (NW)	2024-25
NW-53 (Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai Waterway, Vasai Creek and Ulhas River)	2.70
NW-10 (Amba River)	29.69
NW-83 (Rajpuri Creek)	0.27
NW-85 (Revadanda Creek-Kundalika River System)	0.82
NW-91 (Shastri River - Jaigad Creek System)	32.64
TOTAL	66.12
