

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2877
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2026

OPERATIONALISATION OF NEW NATIONAL WATERWAYS

2877. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

- (a) whether Union Budget 2026-27 has announced Operationalization of 20 new national waterways over five years; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of waterways which would be made operational during next five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) and (b) Yes, the details of National Waterways which will be made operational within next 5 years are at **Annexure**.

Annexure

Sl. No.	Financial Year	National Waterway
1.	2026-27	NW-49 : Jhelum River (110 km) NW 26: Chenab River (51 km) NW 84: Ravi River (44 km) NW 51: Kabini River (23.17 km) NW 90: Sharavati River (28.67 km) NW 14: Baitarni River (48 km)
2.	2027-2030	NW-25: Chapora River (33 km) NW-88: Sal River (14.05 km) NW-4 Extension [(stretch of Krishna River) 636 km] NW-76: Panchagangavali River (23 km) NW-22: Birupa–Badi–Genguti–Brahmani System (155km) NW-23: BudhaBalanga River (55.89 km) NW-96: Subarnrekha River (311 km) NW-20: Bhavani River (95 km) NW-89: Savitri River [(Bankot Creek) 45.57 km] NW-13: AVM Canal (11.3 km) NW-59: Kottayam–Vaikom Canal (18.8 km) NW-28:Dabhol Creek–Vashishti River (45 km) NW-41:Ghataprabha River (112 km)
3.	2030-31	NW-5: Brahmani-Kharsua-Dhamra River system (332 km)
