

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *26
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2026

PROGRESS OF NATIONAL WATERWAYS PROJECTS

*26. SHRI A. A. RAHIM:

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the development of National Waterways during the last three years, Waterway-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the present status of all National Waterway projects in Kerala;
- (c) whether Government has identified delays in the implementation of National Waterway projects in Kerala and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the timeline fixed for completion of the pending National Waterway projects in Kerala and the steps taken to expedite their completion?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA
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A. A. RAHIM REGARDING “PROGRESS OF NATIONAL WATERWAYS PROJECTS”**

(a) The details of funds allocated, released and utilised for the development of National Waterways during the last three years, Waterway-wise and State-wise, are given at Annexure -1.

(b) to (d) The status of all National Waterway projects in Kerala along with the details of delays and reasons therefor and the timeline for completion of the projects having issues are given at Annexure - 2.

IWAI is closely coordinating with the concerned Departments of Government of Kerala and is undertaking regular review & monitoring of the projects. Periodic meetings are held with the Government of Kerala to facilitate timely completion of the projects.

Annexure-1

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 26 for 21/07/2026.

Statement of Budget Allocation/Expenditure		(Rs. in Crores)			
Sl. No.	National Waterways (NW)	States	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (Unaudited)
1. (a)	NW-1 (Ganga Bhagirathi-Hooghly River Systems) - Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP).	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	501.26	501.48	616.27
1. (b)	NW-1 (Ganga Bhagirathi-Hooghly river Systems) - Other than JMVP.	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	163.38	97.72	98.36
2.	NW-3 (West Coastal Canal) NW-8 (Alappuzha-Changanassery) and NW-9 (Alappuzha-Kottayam-Athirampuzha)	Kerala	4.78	15.26	22.93
3.	NW-4 (Krishna River)	Andhra Pradesh	0.67	1.22	18.28
4.	NW-5 (Mahanadi Delta Rivers)	Odisha	26.53	2.24	8.66
5.	Other Plan Schemes for NWs including new NWs.		11.25	33.48	77.52
	NW-27 (Cumbarjua Canal), NW-68 (Mandovi River) and NW-111 (Zuari River)	Goa			
	NW-86 (Rupnarayan River) NW-44 (Ichamati River) and NW-97 (Sunderban Waterways)	West Bengal			
	NW-26 (Chenab River), NW-49 (Jhelum River) and NW-84 (Ravi River)	Jammu and Kashmir			

	NW-51 (Kabini River) and NW-90 (Sharavati River)	Karnataka			
	NW-73 (Narmada River) and NW-100 (Tapi River)	Gujarat			
6.	NW-2 (Brahmaputra River) and 16 (Barak River)	Assam	261.76	432.30	232.46
	Total		969.63	1083.70	1074.48

Annexure – 2

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 26 for 21/07/2026.

National Waterway- 3 (Kerala)			
Sl. no.	Projects	Status	Remarks/reason for delay
1	Re-construction of navigation lock cum bridge at Thrikunnapuzha.	• Work entrusted to Inland Navigation Directorate (IND), Govt. of Kerala. • Completion by December, 2026.	Project delayed due to local issues and site constraints.
2	Construction of single lane bridge at Kovilthottam in Chavara.	• Work entrusted to Harbour Engineering Department (HED), Govt of Kerala. • Completion by October, 2026	Project delayed due to local issues.
3	Dredging and widening works including bank protection and removal of hard strata in Edapallikota – Kollam stretch.	• Work in progress. • Completion by February, 2027.	Progress hampered due to local issues and non-availability of dumping ground for dredged spoils.
4	Construction of 4 HDPE floating jetties and construction of new survey launch.	• Work in progress. • Completion by November, 2026.	No delay
5	Feasibility studies for Urban Water Transport at Allappuzha and Kollam through Kochi Water Metro Ltd.	Completed	Completed
6	Hydrographic surveys and publication of Waterway Notices.	Ongoing	Regular nature work.

7	9 nos. Inland Water Transport (IWT) terminals with berthing facility and covered godowns at Kottapuram, Aluva, Maradu, Vaikom, Thaneermukam, Alappuzha, Thrikunnapuzha, Kayamkulam and Kollam for cargo handling, and 2 nos. Roll on - Roll off (Ro-Ro) terminals at Bolgatty and Willington Island	Completed	Completed
8	02 nos. Ro-Ro vessels through Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi (Operating between Bolgatty and Willington Island) through Kerala Shipping & Inland Navigation Corporation, Kochi (Govt. of Kerala)	Constructed and being operated through Kerala Shipping & Inland Navigation Corporation Ltd (KSINC), Government of Kerala.	Completed
9	Nine Automatic tide gauges installed at various IWAI terminals.	Completed	Completed
10	312 nos. navigational buoys along with beacons lamp posts (17 nos.) for 24 hours safe navigation of vessels.	Completed	Completed
National Waterway - 8 & 9 (Kerala)			
11	Navigational buoys on NW-8 (15 nos.) and NW-9 (25 nos.) for 24 hours safe navigation of vessels.	Completed	Completed
12	Hydrographic surveys and publication of Waterway Notices.	Ongoing	Regular nature work.
