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**INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT MAJOR OPERATIONAL
WATERWAYS IN GUJARAT**

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

- (a) the infrastructure and facilities available at major operational waterways in Gujarat including community jetties, floating terminals and multi-modal terminals;
- (b) the details of new waterways and cruise circuits proposed or under development in this region; and
- (c) the measures taken to promote intermodal connectivity and boost waterways-based transport for economic development in this region?

ANSWER

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

(a) The operational National Waterways (NW) in Gujarat are:

- (i) NW- 48 (Jawai-Luni Rivers - Rann of Kutch),
- (ii) NW-73 (Narmada River),
- (iii) NW-87 (Sabarmati River), and
- (iv) NW-100 (Tapi River).

The following infrastructure projects are being developed by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on NWs in Gujarat:

S. No.	NW Name	Projects
1	NW-73 (Narmada River)	Construction of Two Concrete Jetties
2	NW-100 (Tapi Rover)	Construction of Two Concrete Jetties

Besides, the infrastructure facilities available at operational NWs in Gujarat, like captive jetties/ berths have been constructed by cargo owners/ operators.

(b) & (c) IWAI is developing the cruise circuits namely, Dumas Beach-Surat Fort in NW-100 and Statue of Unity (from upstream of Sardar Sarovar Dam) to Kukshi (Madhya Pradesh). To promote river cruise tourism, floating terminals are being provided at the following locations, which are connected/ being connected with road network:

- (i) Mokhdi (Upstream of Sardar Sarovar Dam) - NW-73 (Narmada River),
- (ii) Hanfesar - District Chota Udaipur -NW-73 (Narmada River),
- (iii) Dumas Beach- District Surat - NW-100 (Tapi River), and
- (iv) Surat Castle, District Surat - NW-100 (Tapi River).

The development of cruise tourism results in direct/indirect employment and promotes local economy.
