

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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NATIONAL WATERWAYS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

2711. SHRI VIJAY CHINTAKAYALA:

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

- (a) the current status of development of National Waterway-4 (Godavari-Krishna), including the stretch between Vijayawada and Muktyala in Andhra Pradesh, along with details of works undertaken such as Ro-Ro terminals;
- (b) the funds allocated and released to Andhra Pradesh for development of National Waterways during each of the last three years;
- (c) the details of cargo/passenger movement, if any, presently operational on National Waterway-4 within the State; and
- (d) the challenges, if any, such as seasonal flow variation or land acquisition, affecting the pace of waterway development in the State?

ANSWER

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

(a) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has developed a Roll on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) terminal at Muktyala in National Waterway (NW)- 4 (Krishna river) to facilitate Ro-Ro movement. IWAI has also constructed and handed over four floating Jetties to Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC) during the year 2024 to facilitate the tourism activities. Further, the construction of Ro-Ro terminal at Harishchandrapuram in Andhra Pradesh has been awarded.

(b) The details of funds allocated and utilised for development of NW-4 during the last three years are as under:

Financial Year	Funds Allocated/utilised (Rs. crore)
2023-24	0.67
2024-25	1.22
2025-26	18.28

(c) The cargo and passenger movement on NW-4 during 2025-26 was 5.71 Million Tonne and 2.34 Million respectively.

(d) The transfer of land of State Irrigation Dept (3.80 acres) at Ibrahimpatnam, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh is under progress for development of Ro-Ro terminal facilities on NW-4. The availability of adequate water depth for safe navigation in Vijayawada–Muktyala stretch depends on the regulated releases from the Pulichintala Dam, resulting in seasonal variation in navigable conditions. Further, the presence of low- level bridges, old navigational locks and encroachments etc, affects the development and navigation on NW-4.
