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WATERWAYS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UNDER NW-1

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

- (a) whether Government is implementing the Waterways development project under National Waterway-1 (NW-1) on the River Ganga;
- (b) if so, the present status of progress of the project and the expenditure incurred thereon so far;
- (c) the estimated annual cargo handling capacity expected to be achieved through this project;
- (d) whether the details of the multi-modal terminals and other infrastructure facilities developed under this project are available; and
- (e) whether Government has conducted any study regarding employment generation and the reduction in cargo transportation costs associated with this project?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Inland Waterways Authority of India, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, is implementing Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) on National Waterways-1 (Allahabad- Haldia Stretch of the Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly Rivers) to augment the capacity of NW-1 from Haldia to Varanasi (1390 kilometre stretch).
- (b) JMVP has achieved physical progress of 83.72% and an expenditure of Rs. 4193.22 crore, till June 2026.
- (c) The estimated annual cargo handling capacity expected to be achieved through JMVP is 7.37 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA) and 77,000 TEU (Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit) through three multimodal terminals and one intermodal terminal constructed. In addition to this, 66 community jetties have also been established which are being used for passenger/cruise movement and local cargo transportation.
- (d) Details of multi-modal terminals and other infrastructure facilities developed under JMVP are at Annexure.
- (e) IWAI is undertaking an impact assessment of JMVP on job creation and growth of MSMEs.

Annexure

Details of major infrastructure facilities developed under Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) are given below:

- i. Multi Modal Terminal (MMT) Varanasi – Capacity 1.26 MMTPA
- ii. MMT Sahibganj – Capacity 3.03 MMTPA
- iii. MMT Haldia - Capacity 3.08 MMTPA
- iv. Inter Modal Terminal Kalughat - Capacity 77,000 TEU.
- v. New Navigational Lock at Farakka
- vi. 66 Community Jetties (Uttar Pradesh -15, Bihar – 24, Jharkhand -2 and West Bengal – 25)
- vii. 2 Quick Pontoon Opening Mechanisms (QPOMs) - one QPOM each at Maujampur, Bihar and Nauranga, Uttar Pradesh
- viii. 4 Ro-Ro terminals
