

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3177

TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd AUGUST, 2017

CARGO TRANSPORTATION THROUGH WATERWAYS

3177. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start integrated cargo transportation along various waterways in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give more priority to waterways transportation in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):Yes, Madam. Cargo transportation on National Waterway-1 (NW-1) (River Ganga), NW-2 (River Brahmaputra), NW-3 (West Coast Canal in Kerala) and on NWs in Maharashtra and Goa is already taking place. The terminals/ jetties in these NWs are connected with road. Presently, the Inland Waterways Authority of India terminal at Pandu (Guwahati) also has rail connectivity.

To provide integrated cargo transportation on NW-1 (River Ganga), construction of three multimodal terminals at Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Sahibganj (Jharkhand) and Haldia (West Bengal) has commenced.

(c)&(d):To promote Inland Water Transportation as a cost effective, fuel efficient and environment friendly mode of transport, construction work for multimodal terminals and navigational lock has commenced on NW-1 (River Ganga) under Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) with the technical and financial assistance of the World Bank. In addition, NW-4 in Andhra Pradesh and seven new NWs have been approved for development in a phased manner.
