# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

#### LOK SABHA

# UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2803 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th JANUARY, 2018 WEST COAST CANAL BETWEEN KOVALAM-NILESHWARAM

2803. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Central Government has decided the fund provision for West Coast Canal between Kovalam to Nileshwaram; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

### **ANSWER**

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

(a)&(b):The West Coast Canal (WCC) between Kottapuram to Kollam along with Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals, declared earlier as National Waterway-3 (NW-3), has further been extended in the north up to Kozhikode vide National Waterways Act, 2016. The development of NW-3 is undertaken with the overall funds allocated to Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) under Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) and those raised by the IWAI in the form of Extra Budgetary Resources (EBRs) as bonds. The stretches from Kollam to Kovalam in South and from Kozhikode to Nileshwaram in North are beyond the declared stretch of NW-3 and hence no funds are provided for them.

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