## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

#### LOK SABHA

# UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2980 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th JANUARY, 2018 NWW KOVALAM-KASARGOD

2980. SHRI M.B. RAJESH: SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether Government has received proposals for the development of waterways from various State Governments including Kerala, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the quantum of funds earmarked and proposed to be released in the current financial year;
- (c) whether Government has decided to take up National Waterways between Kovalam and Kasargod;
- (d) if so, aims and objectives of the above project; and
- (e) the details of estimated cost, expected volume of transportation of goods after completion of project and the time by which the project is likely to be commissioned?

#### ANSWER

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

- (a)&(b):Yes, Madam. The proposal for development of West Coast Canal from Kollam to Kovalam in the South and from Kozhikode to Kasargod in the north of the declared portion of National Waterway-3 (NW-3) has been received from Government of Kerala in November, 2017. As the stretches of West Coast Canal proposed for development by the Government of Kerala is beyond the declared portion of National Waterway-3, no funds are earmarked for them.
- (c)to(e):As of now, no proposal is under consideration of the Government for declaration of more National Waterways in addition to the 111 National Waterways declared earlier vide the National Waterways Act, 2016.

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