

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2188
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th MARCH, 2018
FREIGHT VILLAGE IN VARANASI

2188. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Inland Waterways Authority of India proposes to develop a "freight village" in Varanasi, (UP);
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) the extent to which this project is likely to attract investment and generate employment; and
- (d) the time frame set for execution of work thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The proposal to develop a "Freight Village & Logistic Hub" at Varanasi has not been approved by the Government so far. The objective of the project is to support economic development in the hinterland of the multimodal terminal at Varanasi and reduce logistics cost in the Eastern Transport Corridor and its influence zone. It envisages establishment of multimodal logistics hub in Varanasi to promote the use of waterway transport on river Ganga (NW-1) between Haldia and Varanasi and of rail transport on Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) in the North bound direction which facilitates movement of freight from road to water and rail.

(c): As per present estimates, jobs at 3600 direct work places and additional jobs at indirect work places, with new and specialist logistic skills, are expected to be generated in and around Varanasi.

(d): As the project is at a nascent stage, it is difficult to indicate a timeframe for its execution.
