

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3438

TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2018

YAMUNA WATER TAXI PROJECT

3438. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:  
DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) the present status of the Yamuna Water Taxi project between Delhi and Palla (Haryana);
- (b) whether there has been any delay in this project and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite the execution of the said project along with the time frame set for the purpose;
- (d) whether the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) proposes to conduct any study on the environmental impact/assessment regarding the said project in view of the orders of the National Green Tribunal; and
- (e) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b):Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) had invited separate tenders for ferry vessels, fairway development (dredging) and setting up of floating jetties to introduce water taxi services from Wazirabad to Fatehpur Jat on the 16 km stretch of Yamuna river (National Waterway-110) in the Delhi NCR region. The implementation of the project has been delayed due to the directions of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) prohibiting construction activities on flood plain of river Yamuna.

(c)to(e):IWAI had approached the National Green Tribunal for clearance regarding ecological and environmental aspects for plying of water taxi on river Yamuna. NGT referred the matter to a Principal Committee, which in its meeting on 05.05.2017, deliberated upon the ecological and environmental aspects for plying of water taxi on Yamuna. The Principal Committee had opined that the project proponent should relook at the proposal taking into account the environmental impact of the activities proposed in the drinking water reservoir and carry out the cost benefit analysis of the project taking into account the environmental costs and approach the Principal Committee for re-consideration of the proposal. NGT, Delhi has been duly informed about the recommendations of the Principal Committee. IWAI has appointed an agency to carry out the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA), Social Impact Assessment (SIA) study and cost benefit analysis of the Wazirabad to Fatehpur Jat stretch in river Yamuna.

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