

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4392

TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd MARCH, 2018

DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR PORTS

†4392. SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop Major Ports in view of huge capacity of rivers for inland transportation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which transportation cost is likely to be reduced as a result thereof; and
- (d) the details of rivers likely to be connected with the said projects, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

- (a)&(b): The Government has developed 12 Major Ports of Chennai, Cochin, Deendayal (Kandla), JNPT, Kamarajar, Kolkata, Mormugao, Mumbai, New Mangalore, Paradip, V.O. Chidambaranar and Visakhapatnam to cater to the EXIM, Coastal and Inland Waterways trade and passenger movement.
- (c): As per RITES Report of 2014 on "Integrated National Waterways Transportation Grid (INWTG)" the cost comparison between Inland Water Transport (IWT) mode and other mode of surface transport like rail and road is as below:

Mode	Railways	Highways	IWT
Freight (Rs./TKm)	1.36	2.50	1.06

The above comparison shows significant cost-reduction in transportation of goods through Inland Water Transport (IWT) mode.

- (d): National Waterway NW-1, NW-2 and NW-3 are connected with the Major Ports.
