

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4483

TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd MARCH, 2018

NATIONAL WATERWAYS PROJECTS IN KERALA

4483. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) the measures taken/being by the Government to complete the work on National Waterways in various States in the country including Kerala;
- (b) the details of steps taken so far to complete the work on Alappuzha-Changanassery, Alappuzha-Kottayam-Athirampuzha and Kottayam-Vaikom sections as part of National Waterways projects;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to resolve the concerns of fishermen's community regarding the dredging activities in these waterways damaging their fishing infrastructures; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): National Waterway (NW)-1, National Waterway-2 and National Waterway-3 are operational and cargo and passenger vessels are moving on them. After the declaration of 111 National Waterways under the National Waterways Act, 2016, the important steps taken for their development for shipping and navigation are as follows:

- (i) The Jal Marg Vikas Project is being implemented for capacity augmentation of navigation of NW-1 on the Haldia-Varanasi stretch of Ganga at a cost of Rs.5369 crore with technical and financial support of World Bank. The construction is going on for three multi-modal terminals, inter-modal terminal and navigational lock at Farakka. River Information System (RIS) has been commissioned from Farakka to Haldia.
- (ii) On NW-2, Ro Ro services between Hatsingmari and Dhubri and construction of ship repair facility at Pandu have commenced.

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- (iii) On NW-3 in Kerala, reconstruction of lockgate at Trikunapuzha at a cost of Rs.38 crore has been sanctioned.
 - (iv) On NW-4 in the Vijaywada-Muktyala stretch of river Krishna, works for development of fairway and installation of floating terminal at four locations have commenced.
 - (v) On development of NW-5, preparation of DPR including Front End Engineering Design for the construction of weirs with navigational lock and check dams between Pankapal and Paradip/Dhamra has been sanctioned.
 - (vi) Out of the 36 new NWs found technically viable as per feasibility reports, development activities have been initiated on 8 NWs in 2017-18. A list of these 8 NWs is enclosed as **Annexure**.
- (b): Subsequent to the declaration of Alappuzha-Changanassery Canal (NW-8), Alappuzha-Kottayam-Athirampuzha Canal (NW-9) and Kottayam-Vaikom Canal (NW-59) as NWs, and based on the feasibility studies, preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for these NWs have been sanctioned. To ensure safety of the existing vessel operations on NW-9, development works including dredging by the Departmental dredgers have been taken up by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).
- (c)&(d): IWAI has not received any report on the concerns of fishermen related to dredging activity on NWs in Kerala.

Annexure

List of 8 new National Waterways taken up for Development in 2017-18

Name of the Waterway	Status
1. River Barak (NW-16) in Assam	Phase -1 of NW-16 from Silchar to Bhanga is being developed at a cost of Rs.76.01 crore. Maintenance dredging for fairway development work in Silchar-Bhanga stretch has commenced. DPRs for the upgradation of terminals at Badarpur, Karimganj and new floating terminal at Silchar are at an advanced stage.
2. River Gandak (NW-37) in U.P. & Bihar	Proposal for development at a cost of Rs.12.91 crore has been approved on 02.06.2017 and fairway maintenance work has commenced.
Waterways in Goa 3. NW-27-Cumberjua 4. NW 68 – Mandovi 5. NW 111 – Zuari	A proposal for the development of NWs in Goa at an estimated cost of Rs. 22.65 crore has been approved on 02.06.2017. Work is proposed to be executed through Government of Goa with the assistance of Mormugao Port Trust. A Tripartite MoU is expected to be signed for the commencement of works.
6. Alappuzha – Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal (NW-9) : Kerala	Proposal for development of the waterway at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.60 crore has been approved on 02.06.2017. Tendering for night navigation facilities has been completed. Dredging is proposed departmentally.
7. River Rupnarayan (NW-86) in West Bengal	Proposal for development of the waterway at an estimated cost of Rs. 24.00 crore has been approved on 02.06.2017. Work has been awarded for setting up of floating terminal.
8.Sunderbans Waterways (NW-97) in West Bengal	Proposal for the development of waterway at an estimated cost of Rs. 18.10 crore has been sanctioned on 10.08.2017. Tender for dredging and floating terminals are in advanced stages.
