

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1593
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th JULY, 2018

REVIVAL OF BUCKINGHAM CANAL

1593. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government proposes to revive the Buckingham Canal along the coastal Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) the details of funds earmarked and released for the purpose so far;
- (d) whether any work has been started in this regard and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- (e) the time frame set for completion of the project?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (e) The Buckingham canal (258 km) is part of National Waterway (NW)-4. Development of NW-4 is considered in 3 phases as mentioned below:
- Phase-I: Vijayawada – Muktyala stretch of Krishna River: Development of Phase-I works between Vijayawada-Muktyala stretch of Krishna River has been taken up at a total cost of Rs.96.00 crore out of which Rs.18.00 crore has been utilized so far. This includes dredging and setting up of four floating terminals, land acquisition for construction of permanent terminal facilities at Ibrahimpatnam, Harischandrapuram and Muktyala.
 - Phase-II: Kakinada to Vijayawada and Rajahmundry to Polavaram: Tendering process has been undertaken by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) for a comprehension hydrographic and navigation study for this.
 - Phase-III: Balance stretches of NW-4 including portion of Buckingham canal. On completion of Phase-I and II the balance stretches of NW-4 are planned for development in Phase-III. No funds have been allocated as yet for development of this stretch.
