

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2693  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

**INCLUSION OF RIVERS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WATERWAYS**

2693. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

**पोत परिवहन मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government has included five rivers from Karnataka in the list of waterways considered as technically feasible for the development of shipping and navigating;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the status of the development of these waterways on the said rivers; and
- (d) the extent to which it is beneficial to use waterways as mode of transportation of goods and carriages across and within States?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The details and status of development of the five National Waterways in Karnataka is at **Annex-I**.

(d): Inland Water Transport (IWT) mode is widely recognized as an environment friendly and cost effective mode of transport. As per RITES Report of 2014 on Integrated National Waterways Transportation Grid, 1 litre of fuel moves 24 tonne - km on road, 95 tonne-km on rail and 215 tonne-km on IWT. The cost of movement of freight by the three modes of transport is given below:

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

In addition to the economic and environmental benefits, IWT aims to create for the shippers and logistic players, an alternative to the two dominant modes of transport i.e. road and rail.

**STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT OF 5 NATIONAL WATERWAYS IN KARNATAKA**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>River/Canal (NWs)</b>	<b>Length (km)</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	KABINI RIVER (NW-51)	23	Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) are under finalization in consultation with Govt. of Karnataka
2.	GURUPUR RIVER (NW-43)	10	
3.	NETRAVATHI RIVER (NW-74)	30	
4.	KALI RIVER (NW-52)	53	
5.	SHARAVATI RIVER (NW-90)	29	

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