

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3709
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD JANUARY, 2019
NATIONAL WATERWAY III

3709. SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has taken any decision to widen the waterway stretch from Kollam to Kovalam and Kozhikode to Bakel which is part of National Waterway III and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether IWAI has sanctioned or proposes to sanction any assistance for the said project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government to improve the facilities and dredging in National Waterways in Kerala along with the details of dredging works completed so far?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal for further expansion of NW-3, from Kollam to Kovalam 78 km in the south, and from Kozhikode to Bekal 205 km in the north. It has been decided to first undertake development in the existing stretch of NW-3 and not to extend it further.

(d) National Waterway-3 in Kerala from Kollam to Kottapuram of West Coast Canal and Champakara & Udyogamandal Canals (205 km) is maintained with a channel of 2 m Least Available Depth and 32/38 m bottom width and is fully operational with 24 hours navigational facilities, eight permanent intermodal terminals with storage facilities and mechanized equipment for loading/ unloading of cargo. In addition, the 9th terminal at Alapuzha near Mullackal has also been constructed for cargo operations. Details of the intermodal terminals/ infrastructure facilities on NW-3 is at **Annex-I**.

NW-3 was further extended by 165 km in the north up to Kozhikode from Kottapuram along with three more new NWs connected to NW-3 in Kerala through National Waterways Act, 2016. The new NWs are ;

- i. NW-8 : Alapuzha-Changanassery Canal (29 km)
- ii. NW-9 : Alapuzha-Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal (40 km)
- iii. NW-59: Kottayam-Vaikom Canal (19 km)

Status of development of the three new NWs of Kerala is at **Annex-II**.

LIST OF TERMINALS ON NATIONAL WATERWAY -3

Sl. No. Terminal Locations on NW-3

1. Kottapuram (on West Coast Canal)
2. Aluva (on Udyogamandal Canal)
3. Maradu (on Champakara Canal in Kochi)
4. Vaikom (on West Coast Canal)
5. Thanneermukkom (on West Coast Canal near Cherthala)
6. Trikkunnappuzha (on West Coast Canal)
7. Kayamkulam (at Airamthengu on West Coast Canal)
8. Kollam (on West Coast Canal in Kollam city)
9. Alapuzha (on West Coast Canal in Alapuzha city)

- In addition, two terminals viz., Bolghatty & Willingdon island have also been developed in Cochin Port Trust limits for container traffic through Ro-Ro / Lo-Lo service.

Status of development of new NWs of Kerala

Sl. No.	New NW	Status of Development
1.	Extension of NW-3 (Kottapuram-Kozhikode on West Coast Canal-165 km)	Detailed Project Report (DPR) in advanced stage of finalization.
2.	NW-8: Alapuzha-Changanassery Canal (29 km)	DPR prepared.
3.	NW-9: Alapuzha-Kottayam-Athirampuzha Canal (40 km) and	Development initiated in 2017-18. Night navigation facilities have been procured and installed.
4.	NW-59: Kottayam-Vaikom Canal (19 km)	DPR completed and contours of development to be drawn up thereon.
