

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 709
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2019

NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS

709. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- whether certain inland waterways projects have been sanctioned by the Government in Maharashtra;
- if so, the details thereof and the number of navigable waterways identified by the Government for commercial transportation in the State and the number of MoUs signed with ports trusts and companies;
- the funds sanctioned by the Government for the said projects; and
- the details of cargo handled through inland waterways during each of the last three years, State-wise including Maharashtra?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) To promote Inland Water Transport in the country, 111 (including 5 existing and 106 new) National Waterways (NWs) spread over 24 states have been declared under the National Waterways Act, 2016. 15 NWs are in the State of Maharashtra as at **Annex-1**.

Directions have been issued by the Ministry of Shipping on 18.04.2018 under Section 111 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 to five major port trusts to undertake development of National Waterways allocated to each of them through release of grants by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI). Accordingly, development of 11 NWs in the Maharashtra have been allocated to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT). Details of these NWs are at **Annex-2**.

The development of National Waterways is undertaken through Gross Budgetary Support (GBS), Extra Budgetary Resources (EBRs) and multilateral assistance provided by the Government to IWAI. The details of funds provided since 2015-16 for implementation of developmental works on NWs and preparation of feasibility studies and detailed project reports, including the NWs in Maharashtra are tabulated below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	BE	RE
2015-16	300.00 (Grants)	298.72 (Grants)
2016-17	BE 350.00 (Grants) + 340(EBRs)*	303.00 (Grants) + EBRs 340.00
2017-18	228.00 (Grants) + 660.00 (EBRs)*	335.32 (Grants)+ EBRs 660.00
2018 -19	399.75(Grants)	780.29 (Grants)

(*) Extra Budgetary Resources

- The details of cargo transported through operational NWs in the last three years is at **Annex-3**.

List of National Waterways in the State of Maharashtra

Sl. No.	National Waterway
1.	National Waterways-4 Krishna – Godavari including Kakinada and Eluru canal and North and South Buckingham canals.
2.	Amba (NW-10)
3.	Dabhol Creek- Vashishti River (NW-28)
4.	Revadanda Creek- Kundalika River (NW-85)
5.	Savitri (Bankot Creek) (NW-89)
6.	Kalyan – Thane - Mumbai Waterway - Vasai Creek -Ulhas River (NW-53)
7.	Narmada (NW-73)
8.	Tapi (NW-100)
9.	Shashtri River-Jaigad Creek (NW-91)
10.	Rajpuri Creek (NW-83)
11.	Arunawati-Aran (NW-11)
12.	Wainganga- Pranahita (NW-109)
13.	Nag (NW-72)
14.	Manjara (NW-70)
15.	Panganga-Wardha (NW-78)

List of National Waterways allocated for development to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust
(JNPT)

Sl. No.	NWs Number	Name of Waterways	Distance (Km.)	Remarks
1.	NW-10	Amba River	45	DPR under Preparation
2.	NW-11	Arunavati – Aran River	98	Feasibility Reports being finalized
3.	NW-28	Dabhol Creek – Vashisti River	45	DPR under Preparation
4.	NW-53	Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai Waterway Vasai Creek Ulhas River	145	DPR under consideration. Being prepared by Thane Municipal Corporation
5.	NW-70	Manjara River	242	Feasibility Reports being finalized
6.	NW-72	Nag River	60	Feasibility Reports being finalized
7.	NW-78	Penganga-Wardha River	265	Feasibility Reports being finalized
8.	NW-85	Revdanda Creek – Kundalika River	31	DPR under Preparation
9.	NW-89	Bankot Creek – Savitri River	46	DPR under Preparation
10.	NW-100	Tapi River	436	DPR under Preparation
11.	NW-109	Wainganga-Pranahita River	164	Feasibility Reports being finalized

Annex-3

Cargo transported on National Waterways

(in Million Tonnes)

YEAR	NW-1	NW-2	NW-3	NWs in Goa#	NWs in Maharashtra#	NWs in Gujarat #	Total
2014-15	5.05	0.52	0.97	-	-	-	6.54
2015-16	6.24	0.60	1.06	-	-	-	7.90
2016-17	4.62	0.61	1.03	15.65	33.29	NA	55.20
2017-18	5.48	0.56	0.42	11.09	25.96	11.52	55.03

Inland Waterways in Goa, Maharashtra and Gujarat declared as "National Waterways" on 12th April, 2016.
