

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1078  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019

**WATER TRANSPORT**

1078. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government proposes to start water transport in the main cities situated on the banks of the rivers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the name of those cities; and
- (c) whether these waterways would be used as freight transport or public transport and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SHIPPING  
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

- (a) to (c) 111 inland waterways (including 5 National Waterways declared earlier) have been declared as 'National Waterways' (NWs) under the National Waterways Act, 2016. The list of operational National Waterways with regular cargo, passenger or river cruise movements is at **Annex**.

Development of National Waterways is primarily aimed to promote an economical, environment friendly and sustainable mode of transport for cargo. Passenger ferry services in National Waterways is within the purview of the respective State Governments. However, in order to assist the State Governments to decongest urban transport systems in cities, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) commissioned M/s MIT and Thompson Design Group, USA to prepare feasibility studies for development of ferry services at Varanasi, Patna, Munger, Bhagalpur, Kolkata and Haldia. Thane Municipal Corporation has also appointed a consultant to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for development of Ro-Ro and ferry services in the NW-53 (Ulhas river of Maharashtra) to decongest the road traffic of Mumbai city.

Annex.

National Waterways which are operational/navigable being used regularly for transportation

Sl. No.	National Waterway No.	Length (km)	Location (S)
1.	<b>National Waterway-1:</b> Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia - Allahabad)	1620	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal
2.	<b>National Waterway 2:</b> Brahmaputra River (Dhubri - Sadiya)	891	Assam
3.	<b>National Waterway 3:</b> West Coast Canal (Kottapuram - Kollam), Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals	205	Kerala
4.	<b>National Waterway 4(Phase-I) :</b> Vijaywada to Muktyala	82	Andhra Pradesh
5.	<b>National Waterways in Maharashtra</b> i)National Waterway 10 (AMBA RIVER) ii)National Waterway 85 (REVADANDA CREEK - KUNDALIKA RIVER SYSTEM)	45	Maharashtra
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6.	<b>National Waterways in Goa</b>  i) <b>NW-27-Cumberjua</b> – confluence with Zuari to confluence with Mandovi river (17 km) ii) <b>NW 68 – Mandovi</b> – Usgaon Bridge to Arabian Sea (41 km) iii) <b>NW 111 – Zuari</b> – Sanvordem Bridge to Marmugao Port (50 km).	17	Goa
		41	
		50	
7.	<b>Alappuzha – Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal (NW-9):</b> Boat Jetty, Alappuzha to Athirampuzha (38 km) in Kerala.	38	Kerala
8.	<b>Tapi (NW-100)</b>	173	Gujarat
9.	<b>Sunderbans Waterways (NW-97):</b>	201	West Bengal (through Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route)

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