

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4201
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH JULY, 2019

INLAND NAVIGATION

4201. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:
SHRI BHARATSINHJI SHANKARJI DABHI:
SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details of rivers and canals identified for inland navigation in the country including the States of Gujarat and Kerala; and
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to optimize development of national waterways in the country including the said States?

ANSWER

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

- (a) 111 inland waterways (including existing 5 National Waterways) were declared as National Waterways (NWs), spread over 24 States (including Gujarat and Kerala) under the National Waterways Act, 2016 to optimize the full potential of waterways mode of transport in the country. A list of these NWs including the States covered by them is at **Annex -1**.
- (b) Based on the outcome of techno-economic feasibility and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) on the new NWs, technical interventions are determined for safe navigation and shipping on technically viable NWs. As per the DPRs completed so far, 36 NWs have been found to be technically viable, including those in Gujarat and Kerala (**Annex.-2**). Development activities have been initiated on 10 NWs out of these 36 NWs as per details at **Annex.-3**.

List of 111 National Waterways

Sl. No.	National Waterway No.	Length (km)	Details of Waterways	STATES
1	National Waterway 1	1620	Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia - Allahabad)	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal
2	National Waterway 2	891	Brahmaputra River (Dhubri - Sadiya)	Assam
3	National Waterway 3	205	West Coast Canal (Kottapuram - Kollam), Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals	Kerala
		170	West Coast Canal (Kottapuram - Kozhikode)	
4	National Waterway 4	50	Kakinada Canal (Kakinada to Rajahmundry)	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Pondichery and Maharashtra
		171	Godavari river (Bhadrachalam to Rajahmundry)	
		139	Eluru Canal (Rajahmundry to Vijayawada)	
		157	Krishna river (Wazirabad to Vijayawada)	
		113	Commamur Canal (Vijayawada to Peddaganjam)	
		316	North Buckingham Canal (Peddaganjam to Central Station of Chennai)	
		110	South Buckingham canal (Central Station of Chennai to Marakanam)	
		22	Marakanam to Puducherry through Kaluvelly tank	
		1202	River Godavari (Bhadrachalam - Nashik)	
5	National Waterway 5	636	River Krishna (Wazirabad - Galagali)	Odisha and West Bengal
		256	East Coast Canal and Matai river	
		265	Brahmani-Kharsua-Dhamra rivers	
		67	Mahanadi delta rivers (Consisting of Hansua river, Nunanala, Gobrinala, Kharnasi river and Mahanadi river)	
6	National Waterway 6	68	Aai River	Assam
7	National Waterway 7	90	Ajoy (Ajay) River	West Bengal