

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5390**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019  
**FERRY SERVICE ON GANGA RIVER**

5390. SHRI PATEL HASMUKHBHAI SOMABHAI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement any project to decongest the traffic of major cities along river Ganga through introduction of ferry service; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Passenger ferry services in National Waterways (NWs) is within the purview of the respective State Governments. However, in order to assist the State Governments to decongest urban transport systems in cities, on NW-1 (river Ganga), Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) commissioned M/s MIT and Thompson Design Group, USA under the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) to prepare feasibility studies for development of ferry services at Varanasi, Patna, Munger, Bhagalpur, Kolkata and Haldia.

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