

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *46
ANSWERED ON 09/12/2022

DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS

*46 SHRI LORHO S. PFOZE:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government is developing any inland waterways with suitable ports in North East India along the river Brahmaputra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering inland waterway development in smaller river systems including the river Barak; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *46 FOR 09.12.2022 RAISED BY SHRI LORHO S. PFOZE, HON'BLE M.P. ON "DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS".

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has taken up development of National Waterway -2 (NW-2) i.e. River Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya (891 km). The waterway is operational for movement of cargo and passenger vessels. The waterway is maintained with navigable fairway, day navigation marks in entire 891 km stretch and night navigational aids in Dhubri-Silghat (440 km) stretch. A multimodal (MMT) river port at Pandu with road and rail connectivity and another permanent terminal at Dhubri has been constructed. 11 nos. of floating terminals are also provided on NW-2. Construction of a new terminal at Jogighopa has been taken up and construction of a cargo cum tourist terminal at Bogibeel (Dibrugarh) has also been approved.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The proposal for development of river Kopili (National Waterway-57) and river Dhansiri (National Waterway -31) has been approved. Further development of river Barak (121 Km) (National Waterway-16) has been taken up by IWAI. Major activities include fairway development, upgradation of terminal at Badarpur and Karimganj, navigational aids etc. Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has a Central Sector Scheme under which 100% grant is provided to North Eastern States for development of Inland Waterways. The different ongoing projects under the scheme are given at **Annexure-1**.

Annexure - 1

Details of ongoing projects under Central Sector Scheme

S.No	State	Name of Project	Details
1	Assam	Construction of 15 Nos. of (17.0m long) floating terminals at 15 Ghats on NW16	Project was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 6.37 Cr.
2		Construction of 25 Nos. (17.0m long) floating terminals at 25 Ghats on NW2 (Assam)	Project was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 10.97 Cr.
3		Construction of 16 Nos. (25.0m long) floating terminals at 16 Ghats on NW2 (Assam)	Project was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 13.70 Cr.
4	Manipur	Loktak Inland Waterways Improvement Project for Loktak Lake (Manipur)	i. Project was Sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 25.58 Cr. ii. Project is yet to be commenced due to High Court of Manipur stay order on the project.
5	Mizoram	Development of IWT on river Khawthlangtuipui - Tuichawng in Lunglei District, Mizoram	Phase-1 of the project was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 6.17 Cr.
6	Tripura	Setting up of linkage with Meghna river system in Bangladesh by developing Gumti River (Tripura)	(i) Initially the project was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 12.58 Cr. on 06.11.2015. Later, the project was revised at a cost of Rs. 24.5257 Cr. as proposed by Govt. of Tripura.
