

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1801
ANSWERED ON 16/12/2022

SCHEME TO CONNECT RIVER PORTS

1801. SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:
पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether there is any scheme to connect cities situated on the banks of major rivers to ports through the rivers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of rivers and cities selected for the same, State-wise including Maharashtra; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a)& (b) To promote Inland Water Transport in India, 111 waterways (including 5 existing and 106 new) spread over 24 states have been declared as National Waterways under the National Waterways Act, 2016. Out of these, 19 NWs provide hinterland connectivity with major ports connecting the cities situated on the banks of these NWs/rivers with the major ports. The NWs linking the land locked States with Ports in the coastal States are detailed at **Annex. -1**. Out of 19 NWs listed in Annex.-1, projects for the development of 16 NWs including 2 NWs of Maharashtra namely, NW-10- Amba River & NW-28-Dabhol Creek Vashisthi River have been approved.

- (c) Does not arise.

Major Ports connectivity to hinterland through National Waterways

S no.	Major Ports	Connectivity with National Waterways (NWs)
1.	Haldia Port and Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority, Kolkata	1. NW-1 (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hoogli river system – 1620 km) with Farakka (WB)-Sahibganj (Jharkhand)-Patna (Bihar)-Varanasi (UP) and Prayagraj (UP). 2. NW-2 (river Brahmaputra – 891 km) with NW-97 (Sunderbans-172 km) (WB) via Indo-Bangladesh Protocol route through Bangladesh (741.6 km) - Dhubri (Assam) – Pandu, Guwahati (Assam) – Jogighopa (Assam) – Neamati (Assam) and Sadiya (Assam). 3. NW-86 (river Roopnarayan 72 km) in West Bengal.
2.	Cochin Port Authority	NW-3 (West coast canal from Kozhikode to Kollam, Champakara canal & Udhoygamandal canal – 205 + 165 km), NW-8 (Alapuzha-Chenganassery Canal- 29 km) & NW-9 (Alapuzha – Kottayam – Athirampuzha canal – 40 km) in the State of Kerala.
3.	Mormugao Port Authority	NW- 27 (Cumberjua canal), NW-68 (river Mandovi), NW-111 (river Zuari) and NW-25 (Chapora river) in the State of Goa.
4.	Ennore Port Authority, Kakinada Port (Minor Port)	NW-4 (Godavari, Kakinada canal, Eluru canal Krishna river, Commamur canal, Bakingham – Puduchery canal- 2890 km) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and U.T. of Puducherry.
5.	Paradip Port Authority	NW-5 (Brahmani- Kharsua - Tantighai- Pandua Nala- Dedhei Nala- Kani Dhamra- river System, Geonkhali- Charbatia Stretch of East Coast canal, Charbatia- Dhamra Stretch of Matai river and Mahanadi Delta rivers (588) / Odisha)
6.	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority	NW-10 (Amba river (45) / Maharashtra), NW-28 (Dabhol Creek-Vashisti river (45) / Maharashtra) NW-85 (Revadanda Creek- Kundalika river (31) / Maharashtra) NW-73 (Narmada river (227) / Maharashtra & Gujarat) NW-100 (Tapi river (164) / Maharashtra & Gujarat)
7	Karwar Port (Minor Port)	NW 52 (River Kali -10 Km)
