

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 563
ANSWERED ON 09/12/2022

NEW SHIPPING CHANNELS

563. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up new shipping channels for transportation of goods on cost efficient manner across the country especially in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals from State Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. To promote Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the country, 111 Waterways (including 5 existing and 106 new) spread over 24 States have been declared as National Waterways under the National Waterways Act, 2016. Based on the techno-economic feasibility and Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the NWs, 26 NWs have been found viable for cargo/ passenger movement as detailed at **Annex.-I**. Out of these, NW-86, NW-97 & NW-44 fall in the state of West Bangal in addition to existing NW-1 (the Ganga – Bhagirathy - Hooghly river system). Development for shipping & navigation has been taken up on 14 NWs in various States as detailed at **Annex.-II**.

(c) No proposal for development of NWs has been received from the State Govt. of West Bengal.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to (c) above.

LIST OF 26 NATIONAL WATERWAYS (NWs)
FOUND FEASIBLE FOR CARGO / PASSENGER MOVEMENT

Sl. No	NW	Details of Waterways	Length (Km)	STATES
1	NW 1	Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia - Allahabad)	1620	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal
2	NW 2	Brahmaputra River (Dhubri - Sadiya)	891	Assam
3	NW 16	Barak River (Lakhipur -Tuker Gram)	121	Assam
4	NW 3	West Coast Canal (Kottapuram - Kollam), Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals	205	Kerala
5	NW 4	Krishna River (Vijayawada – Muktyala)	82	Andhra Pradesh
6	NW 5	Dhamra-Paradip via Mangalagadi to Pankopal	233	Odisha
7	NW 8	Alappuzha- Changanassery Canal	29	Kerala
8	NW 9	Alappuzha - Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal	40	Kerala (Alternate route: 11.5km)
9	NW 27	Cumberjua River (Cortalim-Ferry to Sao MartiasVidhanParisad)	17	Goa
10	NW 68	Mandovi River (Usgoan bridge to Arabian Sea)	41	Goa
11	NW 86	Rupnarayan River (Pratap Pur to Geonkhali)	72	West Bengal
12	NW 97	Sunderbans Waterway (Namkhana to AtharaBanki Khal)	172	West Bengal
13	NW 111	Zuari River (Sanvorden bridge to Marmugao Port)	50	Goa
14	NW 40	Ghagra River (Faizabad to ManjhiGhat)	345	Bihar & U.P.
15	NW 10	Amba River (Arabian Sea, Dharamtaar Creek to Nagothane ST Stand)	45	Maharashtra
16	NW 44	Ichamati River (Bridge at Gobra to Bansjhari near Bangladesh Border)	63	West Bengal
17	NW 52	Kali River (Kodasalli Dam to Sadashivgad Bridge, Arabian Sea)	53	Karnataka
18	NW 57	Kopili River (Banthai Gaon Tinali Bus Stop to Chandrapur No.2 confluence with Brahmaputra)	50	Assam
19	NW 25	Chapora River (Bridge near Maneri village to Morjim, Arabian Sea)	25	Goa
20	NW 37	Gandak River (Bhaisalotal Barrage to Hazipur)	296	Bihar & U.P.
21	NW 28	Dabhol Creek Vasisti River (Arabian Sea at Dabhol to Bridge at Pedhe)	45	Maharashtra
22	NW 73	Narmada River (Pandhariya to Gulf of Khambhat)	226	Maharashtra & Gujarat
23	NW 85	Revadanda Creek - Kundalika River System	31	Maharashtra

		(Arabian Sea at Revadanda to Bridge near Roha Nagar)		
24	NW 94	Sone River (Sone Barrage, Dehri to Confluence with the Ganga)	141	Bihar
25	NW 100	Tapi River (Hatnur Dam to Gulf of Khambhat)	436	Maharashtra & Gujarat
26	NW 31	Dhansiri River (Morongi T.E. village Bridge to Numaligarh)	110	Assam

LIST OF 14 NATIONAL WATERWAYS (NWs)
ON WHICH DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES TAKEN UP

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