

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 594  
ANSWERED ON 09/12/2022

**KAKINADA TO CHENNAI WATERWAY PROJECT**

594. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) the current status of development of inland waterway from Kakinada to Chennai;
- (b) the details of funds spent/proposed to be spent and projects completed so far;
- (c) whether there is any delay in execution of projects or release of funds from the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government for accelerated development of inland waterway between Kakinada and Chennai?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Development of inland waterway from Kakinada to Chennai (Part of NW-4) is scheduled subsequent to Phase-I works on Muktyala-Vijayawada (Krishna River, 82 km) stretch of NW-4 in Andhra Pradesh.
- (b) Rs. 53.98 Crore has been incurred from the year 2017-18 to 2021-22 for the development activities in Phase-I. Further Rs. 15 crores has been provided for Phase-I development work during the period 2022-23 & 2023-24. Projects completed so far include fairway development works in the Vijayawada-Muktyala stretch of river Krishna, fabrication /installation of four floating pontoons and land acquisition for the RO-RO terminal at Harshchandrapuram. Land acquisition for the RO-RO terminals at Ibrahimpatnam and Muktyala has been initiated with the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.
- (c) There is no delay in execution or release of funds for above projects.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has taken up the matter with State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and an office has been set up at Vijayawada to accelerate the development of NW-4.

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