

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 598
ANSWERED ON 09/12/2022

TALCHER DHAMRA JALMARG-5

598. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

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

- whether any National Waterways Projects are being implemented in Odisha;
- if so, the details and the progress thereof;
- the details of the progress in implementation of the Talcher Dhamra Jalmarg-5 project and the proposed deadline for completion thereof; and
- the details of funds allocated/utilized by the Centre for the purpose of implementing the Talcher Dhamra Jalmarg-5 project?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Stretches of Talcher-Dhamra of Brahmani-Kharsua-Dhamra river system, East Coast Canal, Matai river and Mahanadi delta river system (588 km) have been declared as National Waterway-5 in Odisha. As per Detailed Project Report (DPR), development of following two stretches of NW-5 has been suggested in two phase:-

- Stretch-I: Paradip to Dhamra via Mangalgadi upto Pankapal: 212 KM (Phase-I).
- Stretch-II: Pankapal to Talchar: 120 KM (Phase-II).

Accordingly, development of the stretch-I mentioned above has been taken up initially in Phase-I up to Pankapal. The fairway developmental works were initiated in 2016. Progress/ status of implementation of works on NW-5 so far, is detailed at **Annex. -1**.

(d) Details of expenditure / fund utilized during last 5 years is as under:- (Rs. in Cr.)

NW	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Phase-I, NW-5 (Odisha)	33.59	2.23	3.29	2.13	2.58

Further, an amount of Rs.20 crore has been approved for development of NW-5 during FY 2022-23 to FY 2025-26.

Progress/ Status of National Waterway (NW) – 5

Mahanadi-Brahamani delta, Matai river and East Coast canal was declared as National Waterway-5 (NW-5) in November 2008 for a length of 588 km.

- Development of NW-5 from Pankapal - Dhamra Port – Mangalgadi– Paradip Port covering 212 km is being developed in phase-I with the following activities:
 - i. Monthly Longitudinal Thalweg Survey for assessing depth and horizontal / vertical clearance for cross structures / bridges (212 km).
 - ii. Consultancy / Work has been initiated for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) followed by Front End Engineering Design (FEED) for hydraulic interventions, modification of cross structures for navigational clearances.

- Navigational clearance below existing power lines from Dhamra / Paradip to Pankapal on deposit basis through Govt. of Odisha is nearing completion.

- Movement of Gypsum started from IFFCO Riverine Jetty on NW-64 (Mahanadi) to Paradip Port (NW-5). Nearly 1,55,181 MT have been shipped till 31st October 2022. This will clear the huge accumulation of (approx. 52 million MT) gypsum at the IFFCO plant. MoU signed between IWAI and UltraTech cement for transport of the gypsum to its plants around Hooghly-Ganga River systems in West Bengal and Bihar.
