

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1543
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023

PORT TERMINALS

1543. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:
SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:
DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:
SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

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

- (a) the details of the scheme being formulated by the Government to develop waterways;
- (b) the number of ports terminals developed under the waterways development project;
- (c) the names of the waterways on which passengers ferry and freight services have been started during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the names of the waterways on which passenger ferry and freight services are proposed to be started in the ensuing year; and
- (e) whether the Government has also made efforts to develop waterways on the Yamuna river and its tributaries in Bundelkhand and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

- (a) To promote Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the country, Government declared 111 (including 5 existing and 106 new) National Waterways (NWs) spread over 24 states under the National Waterways Act, 2016. The details are at **Annexure-1**. A techno-economic feasibility study of NWs was carried out and 26 NWs were found feasible for cargo & passenger movement. At present, development initiatives have been taken up in the 18 NWs. The detail is at **Annexure-2**.
- (b) 31 number of river ports/terminals developed under the waterways development project.

(c) Passengers ferry services are in the purview of concerned State Governments. For freight services, there were 13 NWs on which cargo movement recorded in 2018-19 which have been increased to 22 NWs in 2022-23. The detail is at **Annexure -3**

(d) Cumberjua River (NW-27), Ghagra River (NW-40), Kali River (NW-52), Kopili River (NW-57), Chapora River (NW-25), Gandak River (NW-37), Dhabol Creek Vasisti River (NW-28), Dhansiri River (NW-31), Alappuzha-Changanassery Canal (NW-8), Alappuzha-KottayamAthirampuzha Canal (NW-9) & BudhaBalanga (NW-23).

(e) To connect Bundelkhand region to other parts of the country, Government declared river Yamuna (NW-110), river Betwa (NW-19) and river Chambal (NW-24) as National Waterways through National Waterways Act, 2016. The detail is at **Annexure - 4**. As per the techno-economic feasibility study of River Betwa & Chambal and DPR of river Yamuna, these waterways are techno-economically unviable for development of shipping & navigation for cargo movement. The river Chambal and Yamuna are viable for tourism and ferry services.