

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**ADMITTED UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1567**  
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023

**PASSENGER TRAFFIC FOR INLAND WATERWAYS**

**1567: SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:**

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the inland waterways in the country is used for passenger traffic or for goods transportation; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of rivers used for inland waterways in the country?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b)** Yes Sir, Inland Waterways in the country are used for cargo and passenger movement. 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 and 25 NWs were found feasible for tourism and ferry services. The details are at **Annexure-2 & 3**.