

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 294  
ANSWERED ON 03/02/2023

**TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS THROUGH WATERWAYS**

294. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

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

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- (a) whether the transportation of goods through coastal waterways has overtaken the transportation of goods through road and railways as a result of the promotional action taken by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;
- (c) the rate of growth from the year 2009 to 2014 in this regard; and
- (d) the percentage increase in the rate of growth till the year 2022-23?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Government's efforts to promote the transportation through waterways has resulted in increase in cargo transportation through Inland Water Transport (IWT) and coastal waterways and registered an increase of 30% in the year 2021-22 over the year 2020-21. However, it has not overtaken the transportation of goods through road and railways in cargo transportation. Quantum of goods/cargo movement during last three years on National Waterways (NWs) as recorded by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is detailed at **Annex. -1**.

(c) Growth rate of IWT on National Waterways from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was at 1.5%.

(d) During 2022-23, an increased growth rate of 19.5% has been recorded during April -December 2022 over the corresponding period of April-December 2021 in IWT cargo movement.

**Annex. -1**

**Quantum of goods/cargo movement on National Waterways (NWs) in Million Tons per Annum (MTPA)**

<b>NWs</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
NW-1	9.11	9.21	10.93
NW-2	0.39	0.31	0.43
NW-3	0.55	0.73	1.69
NW-4	0.10	6.83	11.23
Goa- NW-68, 111	2.93	8.46	4.58
Maharashtra waterways- NW-10, 83, 85 & 91	24.39	28.21	43.61
Gujarat waterways- NW-73 &100	31.02	25.72	29.37
Sunderban waterways- NW-97	3.50	3.86	6.10
Other NWs- 5,16,44, 64,86,94	1.65	0.28	0.85
<b>Total (MTPA)</b>	<b>73.64</b>	<b>83.61</b>	<b>108.79</b>

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