

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 357
ANSWERED ON 03/02/2023

HALDIA-VARANSI RIVER ROAD

357. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has proposed a river road map for Haldia-Varanasi Waterway Development Project;
- (b) if so, the details of the project of ferry services and identification of locations in Haldia, Kolkata, Bhagalpur, Munger, Patna and Varanasi route and the present status of navigation therein; and
- (c) the time by which the dredging, development and maintenance of other infrastructure will be completed on National Waterway-1?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Inland Waterways Authority of India, an autonomous organisation under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has undertaken implementation of Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) for capacity augmentation of NW-1 (Haldia to Varanasi-1390 kms) with the technical and financial assistance of the World Bank at a revised estimated cost of Rs. 4633.84 cr. to provide Least Available Depth (LAD) of 2.2 to 3.0 meters and bottom channel width of 45 meters for at least 330 days in a year to make it navigable for vessels up to 1500 - 2000 Dead Weight Tonnage.
- (b) Under Arth-Ganga (JMVP-II), Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been completed for the development of five pairs of Ro-Ro terminals at Buxar-Saraikota, Bakhtiyarpur-Hasanpur, Kahalgaon-Tintanga, Samdaghat-Manihari and Rajmahal-Manikchak locationsto enable Ro-RO/Ro-Pax/Ferry services. At present Haldia-Varanasi stretch of NW-I is navigable.
- (c) Completion schedule of major components of Jal Marg Vikas Project on NW-I is given at Annexure.

Completion schedule of major components of Jal Marg Vikas Project on NW-1

SI No.	Milestones	Status
1.	MMT, Varanasi	Completed
2.	MMT, Sahibganj.	Completed
3.	MMT, Haldia	Completed
4.	Construction of intermodal terminal at Kalughat.	28 % progress achieved
5.	Navigational lock at Farakka.	95.79% progress achieved
6.	Dredging	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contract for Least Assured Dredging (LAD) of Farakka to Kahalgaon awarded on 9th April 2018 with 60 months completion schedule. 2. Contract for Least Assured Dredging (LAD) Sultanganj to Mahendrapur and Mahendrapur to Barh awarded on 12th April, 2019 with 60 months completion schedule. 3. Tender for Quantity based Dredging of the following stretches of NW-1 have been prepared <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ghazipur – Varanasi ii. Majhaua – Ghazipur iii. Barh - Majhaua 4. Tender for Quantity based Dredging of the following stretches of NW-1 have been published <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Farakka – Katwa ii. Katwa - Tribeni
