

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3934
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2023

MAIN STATION OF PORT

3934. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up port at Rankhar of Bhawatada, Rajasthan by developing deep canal along Luni river in order to promote import/export in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this waterway route is to be declared as National Waterway-48; and
- (d) if so, whether any time has been fixed for completing the construction of this port and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There is no such proposal to set up port at Rankhar of Bhawatada, Rajasthan by excavating a deep canal from Luni river.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Jawai – Luni rivers and Rann of Kutch from Jalore to Luni river near Gandhav village to Rann of Kutch upto sea mouth for a length of 615 km has already been declared as National Waterway-48 (NW-48) under National Waterways Act, 2016. As per Final Feasibility Report of NW-48 completed in 2017, NW-48 has not been found feasible for development of shipping and navigation.
- (d) Rankhar of Bhawatada, Rajasthan is about 4 km away from the route of Luni River (already declared route of NW-48) and there is no proposal for construction of port at Rankhar as the NW-48 itself has been found unviable for development of shipping & navigation.
