

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3962
ANSWERED ON 24/03/2023

JAL MARG VIKAS PROJECT

3962. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:
SHRI RAJA AMRESHWARA NAIK:

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

- (a) whether despite being cost effective, Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) in India has less modal share as compared to other countries, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Inland Waterway Authority of India (IWAI) has been implementing Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP);
- (c) if so, the details of physical and financial progress made so far;
- (d) whether the Government has initiated JMVP-II Arth Ganga for generating sustainable income streams for stakeholders living along the river; and
- (e) if so, the details of progress made therein so far?

ANSWER

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

(a) As per World Bank Report 2017, modal share of Inland Water Transport (IWT) in overall modes of Transport in various countries are as detailed –

(% share)

India	U.S.A.	Germany	China	Vietnam	Netherlands
2	7.5	11	14	18	45

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) has achieved an overall financial progress of 49.60% of revised cost and physical progress of 50.01% as on 28.02.2023.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. JMVP-II Arth Ganga has been initiated to energize economic activities along the river Ganga i.e. NW-1 which will impact the overall ecosystem along the riverbank. This can lead to inclusive growth and play a key role in improving the livelihoods of the populations on Haldia- Varanasi stretch of National Waterway (NW)-1. Detail of progress under JMVP-II is given at Annexure.

DETAILS OF PROGRESS UNDER JMVP-II

Sl. No.	Name of Sub Projects	Progress
1.	Development of 11 Community Jetties in Uttar Pradesh	Completed
2.	Development of 24 Community Jetties in Bihar & Jharkhand	Work awarded
3.	Development of 23 Community Jetties in West Bengal	Design finalized
4.	Quick pontoon opening system	Design through IIT, Kharagpur finalized
5.	Navigation lock at Farakka	DPR finalized
