

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 4066
ANSWERED ON 24/03/2023

PROMOTION OF WATER BASED TRANSPORT SYSTEM

4066. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

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

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- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for development of inland waterways for cargo shipments etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for promotion of water based transport system?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) To promote Inland Water Transport in the country through rivers, 111 waterways including the 5 previously notified National Waterways (NWs) have been declared as National Waterways under the National Waterways Act, 2016. On the basis of outcome of techno-economic feasibility study and Detailed Project Report (DPR) of these NWs, action plan has been formulated for 26 NWs which were found viable for cargo and passenger movement. At present, development initiatives have been taken up in the 18 NWs. The detail is at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) The steps taken by the Government for promotion of water based transport system are detailed at **Annexure-II**.

LIST OF 26 NATIONAL WATERWAYS (NWs)
FOUND FEASIBLE FOR CARGO / PASSENGER MOVEMENT

Sl. No	NW	Details of Waterways	Length (Km)	STATES	Status
1	NW 1	Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia Allahabad)	1620	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	Development taken up with Assistance from World Bank JalMargVikas Project (JMVP)
2	NW 2	Brahmaputra River (Dhubri - Sadiya)	891	Assam	Development taken up as per approved Standing Finance Committee (SFC) for FY 2020-21 to 2024-25
3	NW 16	Barak River (Lakhipur -Tuker Gram)	121	Assam	
4	NW 3	West Coast Canal (Kottapuram - Kollam), Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals	205	Kerala	
5	NW 4	Krishna River (Vijayawada - Muktyala)	82	Andhra Pradesh	Mostly Operational Waterways. Development and maintenance work taken up.
6	NW 5	Dhamra-Paradip via Mangalagadi to Pankopal	233	Odisha	
7	NW 8	Alappuzha- Changanassery Canal	29	Kerala	
8	NW 9	Alappuzha - Kottayam - Athirampuzha Canal	40	Kerala (Alternate route: 11.5km)	
9	NW 27	Cumberjua River (Cortalim-Ferry to Sao MartiasVidhanParisad)	17	Goa	
10	NW 68	Mandovi River (Usgoan bridge to Arabian Sea)	41	Goa	
11	NW 111	Zuari River (Sanvorden bridge to Marmugao Port)	50	Goa	
12	NW 86	Rupnarayan River (PratapPur to Geonkhali)	72	West Bengal	
13	NW 97	Sunderbans Waterway (Namkhana AtharaBankiKhal)	172	West Bengal	
14	NW 40	Ghagra River (Faizabad to ManjhiGhat)	345	Bihar & U.P.	
15	NW 52	Kali River (Kodasalli Dam to Sadashivgad Bridge, Arabian Sea)	53	Karnataka	
16	NW 44	Ichamati River (Bridge at Gobra to Bansjhari near	63	West Bengal	