

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 4068
ANSWERED ON 24/03/2023

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION BY GANGA VILAS CRUISE

4068. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

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

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- (a) whether the Government have any projection as to the economic contribution that the Ganga Vilas cruise will make to Bihar's economy;
- (b) if so, details thereof along with the employment that has been generated in Bihar as a result of this new venture?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b) Specific study projecting economic contribution to Bihar's economy & employment generation in Bihar by commencement of Ganga Vilas River Cruise journey has not been conducted. However, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) completed a study in November, 2022 for preparation of an Action Plan & Detailed Road Map for Development of River Cruise Tourism in India. As per the Study, the National Waterway (NW) -1 (the Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system) in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal and NW-40 (river Ghaghra) in Uttar Pradesh & Bihar are potential waterways for river cruise tourism.
