

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3717
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IMPROVE NAVIGATION FACILITIES

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) the funds allocated for creating new waterways and jetties to improve the navigation facilities and the selected waterways in the country;
- (b) the funds out of the above earmarked for Tamil Nadu indicating the names of the waterways identified in the State for the purpose; and
- (c) the latest progress report regarding development of 37 kms between Sholonganallur to Kalpakkam in South Buckingham Canal in Tamil Nadu on National Waterway-4, entailing an expenditure of Rs. 123 crore?

ANSWER

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

(a) A total of Rs. 6639 cr. has been allocated for capacity augmentation of existing and new waterways and development of jetties to improve the navigation facilities in the country, details of which is given at **Annexure-1**.

(b) & (c) Rs. 123.40 crore was sanctioned for the development of 37 km stretch of South Buckingham canal between Shollinganallur to Kalpakam of NW-4 in 2014. Subsequently, IWAI carried out survey / studies and initiated action to develop the stretch between Sholingnanallur to Kalpakam (Tamil Nadu) in the first phase. However, the work could not commence due to significant encroachment on the waterway.

Annexure -1**The details of projects and funds sanctioned on National Waterway (NW)
during last 5 years**

S. No.	Projects Sanctioned on National Waterway (NW) with States	Investment Sanctioned (Rs. in cr.)
1.	Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP-I &II) on Varanasi-Haldia stretch (1390 km) of NW-1 (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river System) in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal sanctioned on 03.01.2018	5362
2.	(a) SFC appraised Project for Development of NW-2 (river Brahmaputra) in July 2020 and revised in November 2022 in Assam	474
	(b) DIB appraised project for construction of Alternative road to Pandu Port on NW-2 to NH-27 in Assam sanctioned in January 2023	180
	(c) DIB appraised project for construction Ship repair facility at Pandu on NW-2 to NH-27 in Assam sanctioned in January 2023	208
3.	SFC appraised Project for Development of NW-16 (river Barak) and Indian Portion of Indo-Bangladesh Route in July 2020 and revised in November 2022 in Assam	148
4.	DIB Memo approved for Phase-I development of 16 NWs (NW-3, 4, 5 & 13 new NWs) for 2 years- 2022-23 & 2023-24 & till 2025-26 for certain NWs sanctioned in November, 2022 in the States of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Goa, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra & Assam-	267
	Total	6639
