

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3879
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023

SAFETY ON WATERWAYS

3879. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

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

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- (a) whether the Government identified particular waterways which are important from the point of view of tourists and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has been able to maintain the safety standards at these waterways and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is inclined to having the safety matters of waterways looked after by reputed life saving organizations and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes, Sir. A study was conducted by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA) in November 2022 for preparation of an Action Plan and Detailed Road Map for development of river cruise tourism in India, which also identified potential NWs for river cruise tourism. Details of potential NWs identified for river cruise tourism is at **Annexure-1**.

(b) & (c) Government has notified on 07.06.2022 the safety rules viz. (i) The Inland Vessels (Safe Navigation, Communication and Signals) Rules (ii) The Inland Vessels (Life Saving Appliances) Rules (iii) The Inland Vessels (Fire Fighting Appliances) Rules under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021. The responsibility of the implementation of rules and regulations related to safety of inland vessels primarily rests with the State Governments. The responsibility of issue of Survey and Registration Certificates of inland vessels plying in rivers, lakes etc. also lie with the State Governments as per Inland Vessels Act, 2021.

Annexure – 1

POTENTIAL NWs FOR RIVER CRUISE TOURISM			
Waterways	Location	Existing/ Potential	Type of Cruise Potential
NW-1	River Ganga	Already existing	Multi-Day Cruise
NW-2	River Brahmaputra	Already existing	Multi-Day Cruise
NW-3	West Coast Canal	Already existing - Houseboat	Multi-Day Cruise
NW-4 / NW-5	Andhra & Odisha Waterway	Potential, presently small boats/ launches are operational	Single Day / Night Cruise
NW-8 / NW-9	Alappuzha	Already existing - Houseboat	Single Day / Night / Multi-Day Cruise
NW-73	River Narmada	Potential	Single Day / Night Cruise
NW-100	River Tapi	Potential	Single Day / Night Cruise
NW-89	River Savitri	Potential	Single Day / Night Cruise
NW-97	Sundarbans	Already existing	Multi-Day Cruise
Goa Waterways (NW-68/ NW-27)	Goa	Already existing	Day/ Night Cruise
IBP	Bangladesh-India Waterways	Already existing	Multi-Day Cruise
