

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2227**  
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023

**WATER TAXI SERVICE**

2227. SHRIRAVI KISHAN:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

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

**पत्तन, पोतपरिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any scheme to start water taxi service in all the coastal States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make use of waterways and integrate these to the economic development of the country?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) Water transport being economical as well as eco-friendly mode of transport, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, under Sagarmala programme, has undertaken Ro-Ro/ Ro-Pax projects across several routes. The details of completed and ongoing infrastructure projects for Ro-Ro & Ro-Pax ferry under Sagarmala programme are annexed.
- (c) Based on the outcome of techno economic feasibility and Detailed Project Reports prepared for National Waterways (NWs), NWs found to be viable for cargo and passenger movement and tourism purpose are being developed for integrating them with the coastal routes which will enhance the economic development of the country.

**ANNEXURE**

	<b>No. of projects</b>	<b>Project Cost (Rs. in crore)</b>
<b>Project Completed</b>	10	527.53
<b>Under Implementation</b>	38	1,155.64
<b>Under Development</b>	15	382.64
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>2065.81</b>

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