

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1226
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2024

RIVERS USED FOR WATERWAYS

1226. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

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

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- (a) the names of the rivers running through Assam suitable for waterways which can be used for ferrying goods as well as for transportation; and
- (b) the names of the rivers currently being used as waterways along with the steps being taken by the Government to make the said rivers more useful?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b) Out of 111 National Waterways (NWs) declared vide National Waterways Act, 2016, 15 NWs are in Assam. Consequent upon completion of feasibility studies/Detailed Project Reports, 8 NWs of Assam including inter-State have been found feasible for transportation, details of which is given in Annexure – 1. For development of under mentioned 4 NWs of Assam, steps taken by Government are mentioned below:-

- (i) NW-2 (River Brahmaputra):-
- (a) Comprehensive development of NWs at a cost of INR 474 cr. approved which include Fairway Development, Terminal at Jogighopa, Tourist-cum-Cargo Inland Water Transport (IWT) Terminal at Bogibeel etc.
- (b) Construction of alternative elevated road to Pandu Port to NH-27 at estimated cost of Rs.180 Cr. taken up
- (c) Construction of ship repair facility at Pandu (Guwahati) at estimated cost of Rs. 208 Cr. taken up.
- (ii) NW-16 (River Barak):- Comprehensive development of NW-16 and Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) route at a cost of Rs. 148 crore approved which include fairway development and works viz. Up-gradation of Badarpur and Karimganj terminals, Construction of terminal at Maia on Ganga River and Construction of Terminal at Sonamura on Gumti river.
- (iii) Development of NW-31 (river Dhansiri) at a cost of Rs. 84 cr.
- (iv) Development of NW-57 (river Kopili) at a cost of Rs. 32 cr.

LIST OF NWS IN ASSAM FOUND FEASIBLE AS PER STUDIES COMPLETED

Sl. No.	National Waterway (NW)	Length (km)	Details of Waterways	STATES
(A) National Waterways found feasible for cargo and passenger movement				
1	NW-2	891	Brahmaputra River (Dhubri - Sadiya)	Assam
2	NW-16	121	Barak River	Assam
3	NW-57	50	Kopili River	Assam
(B) National Waterways found feasible for tourism and ferry services				
1	NW-6	68.484	Aai river	Assam
2	NW-18	68.9	Beki river	Assam
3	NW-30	109.136	Dehing river	Assam
4	NW-50	42.576	Jinjiram river	Assam & Meghalaya
5	NW-95	106.45	Subansiri River	Assam
