

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1250
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ROADMAP RIVER CRUISE TOURISM

1250. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU.:
SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

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

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- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to launch "HaritNauka" guidelines and River Cruise Tourism Roadmap;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also proposed to make all inland water vessels and support vessels at ports to run on green energy;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a)& (b)Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways launched the "HaritNauka" Inland Vessels Green Transition Guidelines and River Cruise Tourism Roadmap on 8th January 2024 during the first meeting of Inland Waterways Development Council.

The HaritNaukaGuidelines envisions complete transition to Green Vessels by 2047. The vision and objectives of HaritNauka guidelines are as under:

1. Developing and operationalizing new age vessels with standard design/infrastructure that are green and safe.
2. Creating an enabling ecosystem for the operation of such green vessels
3. Promoting safe, convenient and green inland waterway-based passenger transport.
4. Developing indigenous capacity and promoting " Make in India" policy in shipbuilding
5. Enabling financial assistance for development of Green vessels and related ecosystem.

The River Cruise Tourism Roadmap 2047 focuses on four vital pillars, including infrastructure, integration, accessibility and policy for promoting river cruise tourism.

(c)& (d)Yes,In this regard, “HaritNauka” guidelines have been launched by MoPSW detailing course of action on the part of Central Government and State Governments to achieve 100% green vessels in all Indian water bodies by 2047.

MoPSW has also launched “HaritSagar” Green Port Guidelines in May, 2023. The Green Port Guidelines provide guidance to the Major Ports for drawing out a comprehensive plan of action, covering all the components of the Port ecosystem contributing to the carbon footprint, for achieving targeted outcomes in terms of quantified reduction in carbon emission over defined timelines, through focused implementation of Green Interventions.

(e) Does not arise.
