

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.168**  
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2024

**DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS**

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for the development of inland waterways in smaller river systems in the State of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any proposals have been submitted/ received by the Government of Kerala in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Under National Waterways Act, 2016, 4 inland waterways of Kerala and 1 interstate waterway of Kerala with Tamil Nadu have been declared as National Waterways (NWs) as detailed at **Annex.1**. 3 NWs of Kerala namely NW-3 {West Coast Canal (Kottapuram- Kollam), Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals}; NW-8 (Alappuzha- Changanassery Canal) & NW-9 (Alappuzha- Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal) have been taken up for development for shipping and navigation. Smaller river systems are in the purview of the State Government.

(c) & (d) Recently no proposal has been received from the Government of Kerala for development of smaller river systems in the state of Kerala. However, in July 2022, the State Govt. had submitted a proposal for seeking financial assistance for the construction of navigational lock at Koottayi and Orumanayoor in the extended stretch of NW-3 at a total cost of Rs.97.56 Crores. The proposal was not found feasible due to lack of prospective cargo potential in the stretch.

**Annex.1**

**National Waterways of Kerala under National Waterways Act, 2016**

<b>No. of NWs</b>	<b>State(s)</b>	<b>Name of NWs</b>
4	Kerala	NW-3 {West Coast Canal (Kozhikode - Kollam), Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals}  NW-8 (Alappuzha- Changanassery Canal)  NW-9 (Alappuzha- Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal)  NW-59 (Kottayam-Vaikom Canal)
1	Kerala & Tamil Nadu	NW-13 (AVM Canal)

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