

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.202
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2024

NATIONAL WATERWAYS

202. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

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- (a) whether the Government has proposed NW 8 Alappuzha- Changanassery Canal and NW 9 Alappuzha-Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal for modernization and further development works;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and funds allocated/ utilized so far;
- (c) whether the Government further intends to develop jetties, small cargo handling areas and terminals, along the course of these two national waterways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Fairway development works on NW-8 (Alappuzha- Changanassery Canal) and NW-9 (Alappuzha - Kottayam - Athirampuzha Canal) have been taken up by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), a statutory organization under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. IWAI has already installed 15 navigational aids in NW-8 and 25 navigational aids in NW-9 and these navigational aids are maintained for safe navigation of passenger and tourism boats. Rs.1.18 crore has been allocated by IWAI for undertaking the development works on NW-8 and NW-9 in the FY 2023-24.

(c) & (d) The development work of jetties / terminals has been completed on NW-3 connecting NW-8 & NW-9 at Alappuzha to meet the traffic potential in these waterways.
