

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 26
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2024

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW NATIONAL WATERWAYS

26. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

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

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- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop new National Waterways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has declared the Waterway including Bhawatra port as a National Waterway-48 under the National Waterways Act, 2016;
- (d) if so, whether any time limit has been fixed to complete the construction of the said port; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. In addition to development of 5 National Waterways (NWs) (NW-1 to NW-5), development of 14 new NWs has been approved by the Government in the States of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Goa, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra & Assam as detailed at **Annex.-1**.

(c) Jawai-Luni-Rann of Kutch River System has been declared as National Waterway-48 for a total length of 615 km (205 km in Rajasthan & 410 km in Gujarat) under National Waterways Act, 2016 alongwith 111 NWs in the country. As per the final feasibility Report, NW-48 has not been found feasible for development for shipping and navigation.

(d) & (e) There is no proposal to construct Bhawatra port and hence the question of time limit for its construction does not arise.

Annex.-1**List of new NWs sanctioned under Phase-I development**

S/N	National Waterways (NWs)
1.	NW-8- Alappuzha-Changanassery Canal in Kerala
2.	NW-9- Alappuzha-Athirampuza Canal in Kerala
3.	NW-27-Cumberjua River in Goa
4.	NW-68- Mandovi River in Goa
5.	NW-111- Zuari River in Goa
6.	NW-86- River Rupnarayan in West Bengal
7.	NW-97- Sundarbans Waterways in West Bengal
8.	NW-40- Ghaghra River in U.P. & Bihar
9.	NW-44- Ichamati River in West Bengal
10.	NW-10- Amba River in Maharashtra
11.	NW-28-Dabhol Creek Vashisthi River in Maharashtra
12.	NW-57- Kopili River in Assam
13.	NW-31- Dhansiri River in Assam
14.	NW-16- River Barak in Assam
