

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2507
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH MARCH, 2020

WATER TRANSPORTATION IN PRAYAGRAJ

2507. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for water transport in Prayagraj;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the scheme to connect Prayagraj to Kolkata through water transport;
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be started and completed; and
- (e) the amount being invested by the Government on this scheme and whether this amount is being managed by the Government itself or working on PPP model and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (e) Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system from Prayagraj to Haldia was declared as National Waterway-1 in 1986. Fairway between Haldia to Prayagraj is monitored through regular surveys and related interventions by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI). However, no specific scheme is being implemented for development of water transport in Prayagraj at present. The Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) is being implemented by the IWAI at an estimated cost of Rs. 5369.18 crore for capacity augmentation of navigation on the Haldia-Varanasi stretch of National Waterway-1 with technical and financial assistance of the World Bank. Under JMVP projects worth Rs. 1800 crore (approx.) have commenced on ground in a time period of three years after statutory clearances. The project is progressing in a time bound manner with scheduled completion in March, 2023. To harness the expertise of private sector, terminal operations at Varanasi, Sahibganj and Haldia is envisaged under the PPP model.
