

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2517**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020

**DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL WATERWAYS**

2517. SHRI RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has taken any step on priority basis to implement the development process for first two phases of National Waterway (NW) No. 5 i.e. Talcher Industrial area with Dhamara and Paradip Port, which will connect industrial as well as coal mining area to the port; and
- (b) whether steps are being taken by the Government to develop NW-14, NW-22, NW-23, NW-64 and NW-96 and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) The Following development activities related to shipping and navigation have been taken up by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) on the stretch of National Waterway (NW-5) from Talcher to Dhamra/Paradip, Pankapal and Mangalgadi.

- (i) Monthly longitudinal Bathymetric survey (Thalweg Survey in Phase-I).
- (ii) Consultancy work for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) including Front End Engineering Design (FEED) for construction of 4 weirs cum barrages with 3 navigational locks, 2 check dams & 1 rubber dam with navigational lock.
- (iii) Consultancy work for preparation of Detailed Engineering Report (DER) including FEED for Modification/ Reconstruction of existing 09 Bridges on NW-5.
- (iv) Detailed hydrographic survey between Talcher and Pankapal for model study.

(b) As per Feasibility Report (FR)/ Detailed Project Report (DPR), development of shipping and navigation for the purpose of commercial cargo transportation on NW-14 (Baitarani River), NW-64 (Mahanadi river), NW-22 (Birupara-Badi Genguti-Brahmani river system), NW-23 (Budha-Balanga river) and NW-96 (Subarnrekha River) have not been found feasible by the IWAI. The FR/ DPRs of the aforementioned NWs have been shared by the IWAI with the State Governments for development of ferry/ cruise services etc., in these NWs as per their requirements.

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