

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4919  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021

**LPG TRANSPORTATION THROUGH INLAND WATERWAYS**

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SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:  
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- (a) whether the Government has recently signed an MoU for transportation of LPG through the inland waterways in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any estimate of cost per ton of transportation through inland waterways and the expected profit for companies has been calculated; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR PORTS, SHIPPING & WATERWAYS  
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between MOL Shipping (India) Pvt. Ltd. and Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) on 25.02.2021 to facilitate inland water transport operation in National Waterways. As per MoU, MOL Shipping (India) Pvt. Ltd. together with their consortium partners HALPG (Aegis Group and ITOCHU Petroleum Group), have committed for supporting the Government initiatives as Inland Waterways promotion for better logistics solution, Sagarmala Scheme and extremely vital Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) scheme.

(c) & (d) As per RITES Report of 2014 on "Integrated National Waterways Transportation Grid", the cost of movement of freight by Inland Water Transport (IWT) mode and other dominant modes of surface transport is as below:-

Mode	Railways	Highways	IWT
Freight (Rs./T.km)	1.36	2.50	1.06