

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1805  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021

**WATER TRANSPORT IN PRAYGRAJ**

1805. SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hoogaly river system from Prayagraj (Allahabad), Uttar Pradesh to Haldia was declared as National Waterway-1 in the year 1986;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not starting the work in Prayagraj so far;
- (c) the time by which water transport is likely to be started in Prayagraj district;
- (d) whether the Union Government has set any time limit in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the operational cost of Prayagraj terminal and whether it is proposed to be developed under PPP Model?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System from Prayagraj (Allahabad) Uttar Pradesh to Haldia was declared as National Waterway-1 in the year 1986.
- (b) to (e) Development of inland waterways transport in National Waterway-1 has been taken up in two stretches i.e. between Haldia – Varanasi (about 1400 km) stretch and between Varanasi – Prayagraj (Allahabad) stretch (about 220 km). The stretch between Haldia-Varanasi has been taken up for development by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) under the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) with the technical and financial assistance of the World Bank. Varanasi- Prayagraj (Allahabad) stretch has low cargo potential. Presently IWAI is undertaking operation and maintenance of Lawayne (Prayagraj) floating terminal and regular thalveg survey in this stretch. Further, development of 2 tourist jetties has been taken up through Central Public Works Department (CPWD) on deposit basis. The movement of mechanized country boats and small tourist boats exists in Prayagraj (Allahabad) – Varanasi stretch of NW-1. IWAI and private sector vessels have operated in the stretch. During lean season of about 6 months when the discharge of water upstream Prayagraj (Allahabad) is very low, movement of vessels face problems due to low depth of water.
- (f) A floating terminal is being maintained by IWAI at Prayagraj, U.P. at a total operational cost of approx. Rs. 10 Lakhs per annum. As of now, no proposal for development under PPP model at Prayagraj is under consideration.

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