

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 482
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2021

ROPEX AND WATER TAXI SERVICES

482. SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to introduce ROPEX and Water Taxi Services in all the coastal States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for harnessing waterways and integrating them with economic development of the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) & (b) Water transport being economical as well as eco-friendly mode of transport, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways under Sagamala programme has undertaken Ro-Ro/Ro-Pax projects across several routes. State wise details of completed and proposed infrastructure projects for Ro-Ro & Ro-Pax ferry under Sagarmala Programme are annexed.

(c) Based on the outcome of techno economic feasibility and Detailed Projects Reports (DPRs) prepared for National Waterways (NWs), 23 NWs have been found to be viable for cargo and passenger movement and 2 NWs have been found to be viable for tourism purpose. Development of these NWs and integrating them with the coastal routes will enhance the economic development of the country.

ANNEXURE

State	Project Completed	Under Implementation	Under Development	Grand Total
Maharashtra	5	13	20	38
Goa	1		13	14
Andhra Pradesh		1	8	9
Tamil Nadu			3	3
Gujarat	1		1	2
Odisha			2	2
Karnataka			1	1
Kerala			1	1
West Bengal			1	1
Grand Total	7	14	50	71
