

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *198
ANSWERED ON 10/12/2021

MULTI-MODAL WATERWAYS TERMINAL

*198. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Multi-Modal Terminal (MMT) built on Ganga river at Sahibganj in Jharkhand is the second riverine MMT in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the freight and barrage traffic passing through this MMT;
- (c) the details of works proposed to be undertaken in the Phase II of this project;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to develop more inland waterways in Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has assessed/proposes to assess the viability of developing inland waterways on the Sone and Koel rivers flowing through Palamu and if so, the details and outcome thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING & WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.*198 for 10.12.2021 raised by Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, Hon'ble M.P. on "Multi-Modal Waterways Terminal"

(a) & (c) Under the Jal Marg Vikas Project, two Multi-Modal Terminals (MMTs) have been completed on the River Ganga and Sahibganj Mutli-Modal Terminal is one of them. The details are at **Annex.-I**.

(b) The details of freight and barge traffic data passing through MMT Sahibganj are at **Annex.-II**.

(d) In addition to the existing NW-1 (The Ganga) in Jharkhand, 2 more NWs namely NW-56 (Kherkai river from confluence with Subarnarekha river at Jamshedpur to RCC bridge near Gangia village-22 km) and NW-96 (Subarnrekha river from Chandil Dam to confluence with Bay of Bengal-311 km out of which 149 km in Jharkhand) were declared vide National Waterways Act, 2016. Based on the feasibility studies/ Detailed Project Report (DPR) of NW-56 and NW-96 have been found unviable for development for cargo/ passenger movement.

(e) Sone river from Ganga Confluence at Todarpur to Indrapuri Barrage Near Dehri (141 km) in Bihar has been declared NW-94 vide the National Waterways Act, 2016. As per feasibility study completed in September-2018, the stretch is viable for shipping and navigation. However, the stretch of Sone river flowing on the border of Jharkhand from Khokha to Dangwar is not declared as National Waterway and no assessment on its viability has been done.

Koel river of Jharkhand has not been declared as NW and therefore its viability has not been assessed by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).

Annex. - I

Details of works undertaken on MMT Sahibganj, Jharkhand

Sl. No.	Project Description	Details of Activities
1	Phase-I of the Multi-Modal Terminal at Sahibganj	In phase-I, a Multi-Modal Terminal at Sahibganj has been constructed at the cost of Rs. 280.90 crore. In phase-I all major works, including jetty work, Administrative, workers amenity and security buildings; electrical sub-station; storage shed; pump house; sewerage treatment plant, overhead tank; internal roads; underground reservoir and conveyor systems, Barge Loader have been completed. It also has provisions for road connectivity to NH-80. The capacity of the Sahibganj MMT is 3.03 MMTPA. The terminal is operational.
2	Phase-II of the multimodal terminal	In phase-II, expansion beyond the Phase-I infrastructure with on-shore civil constructions and rail connectivity is planned to achieve terminal capacity of 5.48 MMTPA.

DETAILS OF VESSELS AND CARGO HANDLED AT SAHIBGANJ MMT BY IWA

As this sector is at nascent stage, there have been pilot movements via **Sahibganj Multi-Modal Terminal**, the details are as under :-

Cargo in Metric Tones (MT)

Terminal Name		2018-19	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22 (till now)	
	Year of Commissioning	Cargo (MT)	No. of Vessels Handled	Cargo (MT)	No. of Vessels Handled	Cargo (MT)	No. of Vessels Handled	Cargo (MT)
MMT	September-2019		11	7,952	7	4,962	NIL	
Ro-Ro Operation #		4,94,574		5,17,360		4,73,400		69,600*

*- Cargo data from April to October-2021

#-Ro – Ro cargo handled at Sahibganj (Samdaghat)
