

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2155
ANSWERED ON 10/12/2021

INTER-STATE RIVER WATERWAYS

2155. SHRI B. B. PATIL:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has formulated a scheme to promote inter-State river waterways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has invited domestic and foreign investment for development of river routes of Ganga/Yamuna and their tributaries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) To promote Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the country, 111 waterways (including 5 existing and 106 new) have been declared as National Waterways (NWs) under the National Waterways Act, 2016. Out of 111 NWs, 28 NWs are inter-State NWs as detailed at **Annex-I**.

Based on the outcome of techno-economic feasibility and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of the NWs, 25 NWs have been found viable by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) for cargo movement/ tourism purpose. Development activities have been initiated in the 13 NWs. The list of the 25 NWs is at **Annex-II**.

(c) & (d) Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) for capacity augmentation of NW-1 (River Ganga) on the Haldia-Varanasi stretch (1390 km) has been taken up with the technical and financial assistance of the World Bank at a revised estimated cost of Rs. 4633.81 crore to provide an assured depth of 2.2 to 3.0 meters and a bottom width channel of 45 meters to make it navigable for at least 330 days in a year for vessels up to 1500 - 2000 Dead Weight Tonnage. Details is at **Annex-III**.

List of Inter-State National Waterways

Sl. No	National Waterway No.	Length (km)	Details of Waterways	STATES
1	National Waterway 1	1620	Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia - Allahabad)	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal
2	National Waterway 4	50	Kakinada Canal (Kakinada to Rajahmundry)	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Pondichery and Maharashtra
		171	Godavari river (Bhadrachalam to Rajahmundry)	
		139	Eluru Canal (Rajahmundry to Vijayawada)	
		157	Krishna river (Wazirabad to Vijayawada)	
		113	Commamur Canal (Vijayawada to Peddaganjam)	
		316	North Buckingham Canal (Peddaganjam to Central Station of Chennai)	
		110	South Buckingham canal (Central Station of Chennai to Marakanam)	
		22	Marakanam to Puducherry through Kaluvelly tank	
		1202	River Godavari (Bhadrachalam - Nashik)	
3	National Waterway 5	256	East Coast Canal and Matai river	Odisha and West Bengal
		265	Brahmani-Kharsua-Dhamra rivers	
		67	Mahanadi delta rivers (Consisting of Hansua river, Nunanala, Gobrinala, Kharnasi river and Mahanadi river)	
4	National Waterway 13	11	Avm Canal	Kerala & Tamil Nadu
5	National Waterway 17	189	Beas River	Himachal Pradesh & Punjab
6	National Waterway 21	139	Bheema River	Karnataka & Telangana
7	National Waterway 26	51	Chenab River	Jammu & Kashmir