

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3331
ANSWERED ON 17/12/2021

DREDGING IN BRAHMAPUTRA RIVER FOR WATERWAYS

3331. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for dredging/mining of Brahmaputra river for development of waterways on the river;
- (b) if so, the time by which this work on Brahmaputra river is likely to be started;
- (c) the details of other schemes/projects proposed on Brahmaputra river for the purpose;
- (d) the details of fund allocated for the purpose during the last three years; and
- (e) the details of works undertaken therefrom?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) takes up maintenance dredging to remove shoals to maintain 1.5 to 2.5 m deep and 45 m wide navigation channel for movement of vessels on NW-2 as per requirement.

(c) & (e) Details of schemes/ projects and works undertaken for development of shipping & navigation on river Brahmaputra are at **Annex-1**.

(d) The details of the fund allocation for the development of infrastructure in NE States under IWAI in the last three years and current year is as under:

(Year-wise)

B.E. figures in Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	IWT Projects	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1.	National Waterway (NW) No. 2 (River Brahmaputra) & NW-16 (river Barak) and studies for 18 new NWs w.e.f. 12.04.2016	120.00	80.00	40.00	89.10

Details of projects and works on Brahmaputra River (NW-2):

1. Development of NW-2 at a cost of Rs. 461 crore during 2020-21 to 2024-25 has been undertaken by IWAI. The waterway is being maintained with fairway of 1.5 m to 2.5 m Least Available Depth (LAD) and 45 m width, with day and night navigation aids and terminals.

The development of NW-2 enables waterway connectivity of North East region with Kolkata/ Haldia ports via Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route. The approved activities on NW-2 are as under:

- Construction of Jogighopa terminal.
- Alternative Road to Pandu Port.
- Ship repair facility at Pandu.
- Fairway development and maintenance works.
- Operation and Maintenance of navigational aids.
- Operation and Maintenance of fixed & floating terminals.
- Procurement of 4 Ro-PAX vessels.
- Operation and Maintenance of vessels.
- Consultancy training.
- Maintenance of e-portal etc.
- 4 Nos. Tourist Jetties at Jogighopa, Pandu, Biswanathghat & Neamati

In addition to above, 3 projects have been sanctioned under Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for construction of 56 nos. floating terminals at various Ghats on River Brahmaputra.
