

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3800
ANSWERED ON 25/03/2022

CARGO MOVEMENT ON NATIONAL WATERWAYS

3800. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase cargo movement on National Waterways from 74 million MT to 95 million MT by 2024-25 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the volume of cargo movement via National Waterway 2 (Sadiya-Dhubri stretch of Brahmaputra River) and National Waterway 16 (Barak) during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) the expected volume of cargo movement targeted via NW2 and NW16 by 2024-25;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to develop National Waterway2 further under the Jal Marg Vikas Project; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) To achieve the overall target of 200 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) on National Waterways by 2030 fixed in Maritime India Vision (MIV), 2030, a target of 120 MMT has been set for the year 2024-25. During the year 2020-21, the total cargo movement on NWs was 83.61 MMT.

(b) The volume of cargo movement via National Waterway 2 (Sadiya-Dhubri stretch of Brahmaputra River) and National Waterway 16 (Barak) during the last five years, year-wise (in MMT) is given below:

Stretch	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22*
NW-2	0.56	0.50	0.39	0.31	0.37
NW-16	N.A.	N.A.	0.004	0.001	0.005

* Data upto Feb, 2022.

(c) The estimated target of 0.60 MMT for NW-2 and 0.01 MMT for NW-16 has been set by year 2024-25.

(d) & (e) Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) is a World Bank aided Project undertaken by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) to augment the navigation capacity of National Waterway-1 in the Haldia-Varanasi stretch of River Ganga.

Comprehensive development of National Waterway-2 has been undertaken by IWAI under a separate Project approved by the Government at the cost of Rs. 461 Cr.. The project includes construction of a Multi Modal Terminal at Jogighopa, alternative road connectivity to Pandu Port, ship repair facility at Pandu, fairway development, O&M of navigational aids, O&M of fixed & floating terminals, O&M of vessels, consultancy trailing, maintenance of e-portal etc.
