

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 545
ANSWERED ON 04/02/2022

DEVELOPMENT OF RIVER PORTS IN ASSAM

545. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

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

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- (a) the active river ports in the State of Assam at present;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to bring any plan for the development of river ports in Assam and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to revive inactive/ dormant river ports and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has also any plan to revive Kholabonda river port in Barpeta district of the State and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the tender floated for Development of Inland Water Transport (IWT) Terminal at MMLP Jogighopa, Assam has been finalised, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which the terminal is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are two river port/ permanent terminals constructed by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) on National Waterway-2 (river Brahmaputra) at Pandu (Guwahati) and Dhubri in Assam.
- (b) Comprehensive development of National Waterway-2 (NW-2) (river Brahmaputra) has been initiated by IWAI, which inter-alia, also include construction of Inland Water Transport (IWT) Terminal at Jogighopa. Apart from this, IWAI has entrusted work of establishment of 4 tourist jetties at Biswanath, Jogighopa, Neamati & Pandu to National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL).
- (c) & (d) p is no plan to revive inactive/ dormant river ports and Kholabonda river port.
- (e) & (f) Work of construction of IWT Terminal at Jogighopa, Assam on NW-2 has been entrusted to National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), which has been awarded by NHIDCL to M/s. DVP Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. on 06.10.2021 at a cost of Rs. 63.90 crore with target completion in December, 2023.
