GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1005 ANSWERED ON 22/07/2022

FUNCTIONAL PORTS IN ASSAM

1005. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state: पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) the number of functional river ports in Assam where business activities are ongoing as of today?
- (b) whether people are benefiting from the import and export facilities at these ports through inland waterways and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of river ports in Assam under development where modernisation works are ongoing along with the time by which these will be functional; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated/utilized for development of these ports during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are four functional river ports/terminals [2 on National Waterway-2 (NW-2) i.e.river Brahmaputra and 2 on NW-16 i.e. river Barak)] developed by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in Assam where business activities are ongoing. Apart from this, 11 floating terminals developed by IWAI are also functional on NW-2.
- (b) Yes, Sir. Out of four terminals, three terminals namely Pandu (Guwahati) & Dhubri on NW-2 and Karimganj terminal on NW-16 are Custom notified where import and export facilities are available. The importers and exporters can get benefit of the custom facilities at these terminals. Besides, the local people also get employment for loading/unloading of cargo and other associated activities for handling of vessels/ cargo at these terminals.
- (c)&(d) Detail is attached at Annex A.

Annex - A

SI. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (In Crore)	Proposed date of completion	Source of fund
1.	IWT terminal at Jogighopa (NW-2 Brahmaputra River)	67.64	September, 2024	From Gross Budgetary Support of Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, GOI
2.	Renovation of shore facilities at Badarpur and Karimganj terminal (NW-16 Barak River)	3.85	February, 2023	From Gross Budgetary Support of Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, GOI
3.	Floating jetties at Bogibeel and Guijan	6.50	March, 2023	From Gross Budgetary Support of Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, GOI
4.	Tourist jetties at Neamati, Biswanath Ghat, Pandu and Jogighopa	10.61	April, 2023	Funded by Ministry of Tourism, GOI
