

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1996**  
ANSWERED ON - 02/08/2024

**TRANSPORTATION THROUGH GANGA RIVER**

1996. SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the ambitious scheme of water transportation service in the Ganga River has been launched in the recent past;
- (b) the degree of success of the waterport set up for transportation in Milkipur Gram Sabha in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to continue the said scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor along with the manner in which the Government is likely to continue the said scheme?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) for capacity augmentation of National Waterways-I (NW-I) on the Haldia-Varanasi stretch of Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System was approved by the Government on 3rd January 2018. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous organization under MoPSW has been implementing the JMVP with the technical and financial support of the World Bank.
- (b) A Multimodal Terminal (MMT) has been developed in Ralhupur Gram Sabha adjoining Milkipur Gram Sabha in Varanasi under the Jal Marg Vikas Project. Trial movements of cargo have been successfully carried out from the MMT.
- (c) & (d) Implementation of the Jal Marg Vikas Project has been extended by 2 years in consultation with World Bank.

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