

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3058**

ANSWERED ON – 09/08/2024

**GANGA RIVER WATERWAYS**

3058 DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has launched any initiative to revamp the Ganga River Waterways from Bihar to west Bengal to harness the huge potential of water carrying capacity of River Ganga;
- (b) if so, the details of the plan outlay thereof along with other rivers, State-wise including Odisha;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government so far in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Yes. IWAI has undertaken implementation of the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) for capacity augmentation of National Waterway -1 (NW-1) on the Haldia – Varanasi stretch (1390 km) of the Ganga-Bhagirathi- Hooghly River System with the technical and financial assistance of the World Bank to provide fairway of 2.2 to 3.0 meters and a bottom channel of 45 meters for large barge movement, Multi-Modal Terminals, Intermodal Terminals, Navigational lock gates, community jetties and navigational aids.
- (b) & (d) The details of the plan outlay along with projects approved for development of National Waterways is at Annexure-I
- (c) Does not arise.

**Annexure -1**

**The details of Inland Water Transport (IWT) Projects on National Waterways (NWs) and planned outlay as on 30.06.2024 :-**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Projects Sanctioned on National Waterway (NW) with States</b>	<b>(Rs. in cr.)</b>
		<b>Allocated</b>
1.	Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP-I & II) from Varanasi-Haldia stretch (1390 km) on NW-1 (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System) in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	5369.18
2.	(a) Development of NW-2 (river Brahmaputra) in Assam	474
	(b) Construction of Alternative road to Pandu Port on NW-2 to NH-27 in Assam	180
	(c) Construction Ship repair facility at Pandu on NW-2 to NH-27 in Assam	208
3.	Development of NW-16 (river Barak) and Indian Portion of Indo-Bangladesh Route in Assam	148
4.	Development of 16 NWs (NW-3, 4, 5 & 13 new NWs) in the States of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Goa, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra & Assam-	267
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6646.18</b>

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