

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3216
ANSWERED ON- 09/08/2024

APPROVAL OF WATERWAYS

3216. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) the details of approved National Waterways in Kerala and the present status of the development works of the same;
- (b) whether the Government is planning new National Waterways in Kerala, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of proposals pending before the Government for approval for the development of National Waterways in the State and the present status thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The details of 5 declared National Waterways (NWs) in Kerala and the present status of the development works are given in **Annexure-1**.
- (b) No.
- (c) At present, no proposal is pending for approval before the Government for the development of National Waterways in Kerala.

Annexure-1

The details of five declared National Waterways in the state of Kerala are given below:

- (i) NW-3 (Kollam -Kozhikode stretch of West Coast Canal and Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals)
- (ii) NW-8 (Alappuzha- Changanassery Canal)
- (iii) NW-9 (Alappuzha - KottayamAthirampuzha Canal)
- (iv) NW-13 (AVM Canal)
- (v) NW-59 (Kottayam – Vaikom Canal)

At present the Development works have been taken up by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) on three National Waterways i.e. NW-3, NW-8 and NW-9. The details are given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Development works on NW-3, NW-8 and NW-9
1	NW-3 (West Coast Canal, Champakara & Udyogmandal Canals) projects-
(i)	24 Hrs. navigation system is installed throughout the stretches of NW-3.
(ii)	9 Nos. of terminals with loading/ unloading facilities all along NW-3.
(iii)	2 Nos. of Ro-Ro terminals constructed at Willingdon Island and Bolghatty and 2 Nos. Ro-Ro vessels built (through CSL) and deployed for Ro-Ro services through KSINC,
(iv)	Bank protection measures are undertaken all along the vulnerable locations in NW-3.
(v)	Construction of new Navigational Lock at Thrikkunnappuzha, at a cost of Rs. 38 crore - progress achieved till November 2023 is 64%; work taken up through Govt. of Kerala.
(vi)	Execution of balance capital dredging and widening in Edapallikotta and Kollam stretch, at a cost of Rs.6.75 crore in progress.
(vii)	Operation and maintenance works of fairway, terminals, navigational aids and vessels on annual basis on the waterway at a cost of Rs.10.70 crore approved for FY 2023-24.
2.	NW-8 (Alappuzha- Changanassery Canal)- As per DPR recommendations, 24 hours navigational aids (15 nos.) provided at critical locations and maintained with monthly Hydrographic Surveys.
3.	NW-9 (Alappuzha - Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal)- As per DPR recommendations, Night navigation facilities (25 nos.) have been installed and maintained with monthly Hydrographic Surveys.
