

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-692
ANSWERED ON - 26.07.2024

SURVEY FOR WATERWAYS TRANSPORT

692. SHRI RAVINDRA DATTARAM WAIKAR:

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

पत्तन, पोतपरिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) the details of the waterways transport in various States of the country, State-wise including Maharashtra;
- (b) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to develop inland waterways as an alternate means of transportation;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating any proposal to start waterways transport from Mumbai to Goa- Alibaug-Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg and to construct ports at these places;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to conduct any survey in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The details of the National Waterways on which cargo/passenger transport is taking place in various states of the country, including Maharashtra is at Annexure-1.
- (b) For development of Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the country, 111 waterways (including 5 existing and 106 new) spread over 24 States have been declared National Waterways (NWs) under the National Waterways Act, 2016. On the basis of outcome of

techno-economic feasibility study and Detailed Project Report (DPR) of these NWs action plan has been formulated for 26 NWs which were found viable for cargo and passenger movement. At present, 24 NWs are operational and cargo/passenger movement is happening on these NWS. Action plan has been formulated for development of more viable NWs based upon the outcome of study reports and DPR.

Measures taken to promote movement of cargo through NWs include interaction with cargo operators through stakeholders conferences, commencement of Ro-Ro/Ro-Pax Services in Various National Waterways, Revision of Levy & Collection of Fees of waterways user charges, Enhanced regional trade with Bangladesh using IWT mode and implementation of Arth Ganga programme developed on an approach based on the principles on the sustainable development model to energize economic activities along the riverbank through creation of floating community jetties on the Ganga (NW-1) and other NWs in the country.

(c) & (d) Yes. Under the Sagarmala programme of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, the government has already operationalised waterways transport from Mumbai to Mandwa in Alibaug, and between Malvan to Sindhudurg fort. Further, it is contemplated to start services for Rewas, Kashid and Janjira in Alibaug region, Veldur, and AmbadaveShigwan in Ratnagiri region, Underi, Padmadurg, and Suvarnadurg in the Raigad and Sindhudurg region. The total cost of projects at these locations is around Rs. 460 Cr.

(e) & (f) Requisite surveys are conducted by the respective State Government and if required a proposal is submitted to the Ministry for funding under Sagarmala Scheme.

**NATIONAL WATERWAYS ON WHICH CARGO/PASSENGER TRANSPORT IS
TAKING PLACE**

National Waterways (NW) with States
NW-1 (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia-Allahabad)) in U.P., Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal
NW-2 (Brahmaputra River (Dhubri-Sadiya)) in Assam
NW-3 (West Coast Canal) in Kerala
NW-4 (Krishna Godavari River Systems) in Andhra Pradesh
NW-5 (East Coast Canal And Matai River/Brahmani-Kharsua-Dhamra Rivers/Mahanadi Delta Rivers) in Odisha
NW-8 (Alappuzha-Changanassery Canal) in Kerala
NW-9 (Alappuzha-Kottayam Athirampuzha Canal) in Kerala
NW-14 (Baitarni River) in Odisha
NW-16 (Barak River) in Assam
NW-23 (BudhaBalanga) in Odisha
NW-31 (Dhansiri/Chathe) in Assam
NW-44 (Ichamati River) in West Bengal
NW-64 (Mahanadi River) in Odisha
NW-86 (Rupnarayan River) in West Bengal
NW-94 (Sone River) in Bihar
NW-97 (Sunderbans Waterway) in West Bengal
Maharashtra Waterways
NW-10 (Amba River)
NW-83 (Rajpuri Creek)
NW-85 (Revadanda Creek-Kundalika River System)
NW-91 (Shastri River - Jaigad Creek System)
Goa Waterways
NW-68 (Mandovi River)
NW-111 (Zuari River)
Gujarat Waterways
NW-73 (Narmada River)
NW-100 (Tapi River)
