

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTIONNO. 1941**  
ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024

**PROMOTION OF INLAND WATERWAYS IN ODISHA**

1941.SMT. SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

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

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- (a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote the use of inland waterways in State of Odisha for cargo movement to reduce carbon emissions;
- (b) the challenges and outcomes associated with increasing the use of inland water transport in Odisha; and
- (c) whether any specific projects have been initiated to enhance infrastructure and connectivity for inland water transport in Odisha and if so, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), namely, Inland Waterways Consortium of Odisha Limited comprising of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), Govt. of Odisha and Paradip Port Authority, has been formed to evacuate coal from the hinterland of Talcher Area and industrial belt of Kalinganagar through Paradip/Dhamra Port. The environmental friendly inland water transport helps to decongest the already choked railway/road network.
- (b) The key challenges are acquisition of land, dismantling/reconstruction of bridges with less vertical and horizontal clearances and insufficient discharge from upper reaches of NW-5 (Brahmani River) to ensure round the year navigation.
- (c) The project includes regular river survey on National Waterway-5 (NW-5 Brahmani River), NW-14 (Baitarni River) and NW-64 (Mahanadi River) to assess the navigability of the waterways and installation of navigation aids in NW-64 from IFFCO Paradip plant to Sea mouth near Paradip port for safe movement of vessels. Further, a jetty has been installed by IFFCO for waterway movement of gypsum from IFFCO Paradip plant on NW-64.

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