

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3004
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NATIONAL WATERWAYS IN MAHARASHTRA

3004. SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH:
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Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) the current status of National Waterways in Maharashtra, specifically regarding the construction and operational phases of these projects;
- (b) the details of funds allocated for the development of National Waterways in Maharashtra, and the quantum of funds that has been utilized so far;
- (c) the timelines set for the completion of infrastructure projects along national waterways in Maharashtra alongwith the delays, if any anticipated therein;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to develop new National Waterways in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of proposals for the development of National Waterways in the State pending before the Union Government for approval indicating the present status thereof; and
- (f) the manner in which National Waterways in Maharashtra are expected to improve connectivity between industrial hubs and rural areas, and the regions that stands to benefit the most?

ANSWER

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

(a) Fifteen (15) National Waterways in Maharashtra were declared vide National Waterways Act, 2016 with a total length of 3089 Kms, details of these NWs are at Annexure-1. Out of these, Six (6) National Waterways are operational for a total

length of 530 Kms. The operational National waterways are NW-10(River Amba), NW-53 (Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai Waterway, Vasai Creek and Ulhas River), NW-83 (Rajpuri Creek), NW-85 (Revadanda creek and Kundalika River), NW-91 (Shastri River-Jaigad creek), and NW-73 (River Narmada).

(b) & (c) The details of fund allocated, utilization and timelines are at Annexure – 2.

(d)The focus of the Government is on the development of National Waterways declared under the National Waterways Act, 2016 .

(e) No proposal for development of National Waterways in Maharashtra is pending before the Government for approval.

(f) Inland Water Transport mode is a cheaper mode of transport vis a vis other modes of transport i.e. Road/Rail and modal shift of commodities to this mode may reduce the logistics cost. The major industrialization along the River Banks of Tapi (NW-100), River Amba (NW-10), River Jaigad Creek-Shastri River (NW-91) is a prime example which collectively moves around 98.67 MMT per annum of Cargo on inland waterways. These NWs connect to local hinterland as well as EXIM gateways. Primarily, as of now Raigad, Mumbai and Ratnagiri District are the beneficiaries.

Details of National Waterways in Maharashtra

S.No	NW	River	Length (Km)
1.	NW10	Amba River	45
2.	NW28	Dabhol creek-Vashishti River	45
3.	NW53	Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai Waterway, Vasai Creek and Ulhas River	145
4.	NW72	Nag River	60
5.	NW83	Rajpuri creek	31
6.	NW85	Revdanda creek and Kundalika River	31
7.	NW89	Savitri River and Bankot creek	46
8.	NW91	Shastri River-Jaigad creek	52
9.	NW100	Tapi River	436
10.	NW70	Manjara River	242
11.	NW78	Penganga River-Wardha River	265
12.	NW109	Wainganga River-Pranahita River	164
13.	NW 73	Narmada River	226
14.	NW 4 (part)	Godavari River	1202
15.	NW 11	Arunavati – Aran River system	99

The details of fund allocated, utilization and timelines of the NWs in Maharashtra

S.No	Description	Fund Allocation FY 2024-25 (in Rs.)	Fund Allocation FY 2025-26 (in Rs.)	Funds Utilization	Timeline
(a)	Supporting Infrastructure (Dredging/ Channel Marking/ Bandalling/ Navigational Aids and RIS-V)	1.34 crore	14.76 crore	No payment made as the work has recently been awarded	December 2025
b)	Hydrographic Survey	0.34 crore	0.22 crore	No payment made as the work has recently been awarded	December 2025
(c)	Cargo Promotion	0.00 crore	0.20 crore	No payment made as the work has recently been awarded	December 2025
(d)	Miscellaneous Expenditure (Administrative expenses, training & capacity building, office establishment, periodic evaluation, Crisis Management Plan, contingencies PMU etc	1.70 crore	4.14 crore	No payment made as the work has recently been awarded	December 2025
-	Total Approved for Maha NWs:	3.38 crore	19.32 crore		
