

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4197**  
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2024

**INLAND WATERWAYS IN MAHARASHTRA**

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) the details of the inland waterways in the country along with funds sanctioned and date of their completion during the last five years, State/UT-wise including coastal district of Palghar, Maharashtra along with the steps taken by the Government for developing waterways in the said area;
- (b) whether inland waterways are included in the Sagarmala project; and
- (c) if so, the details and the status thereof along with the targets set and projects sanctioned in this regard, State/UT-wise, including Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) 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. Details of the NWs projects approved by the Government, funds sanctioned along with completion timelines are at **Annexure – I**. The approved projects include three NWs of Maharashtra namely NW-10 (river Amba), NW-28 (Dabhol Creek- Vashishti river) and NW-53 (River Kalyan- Thane Vasai Creek- Ulhas River). The NW-53 passes through Palghar district.

(b) & (c) Sagarmala is a flagship Central Sector Scheme of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to promote port-led development in the country. 'Coastal shipping and Inland Water Transport' is one of the five pillars of Sagarmala Scheme. The state wise details of the projects including the State of Maharashtra under 'Coastal shipping and Inland Water Transport' are at **Annexure - II**.

**ANNEXURE - I****The sanctioned cost and timelines of National Waterways (NWs) projects:**

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Sanctioned Amount (In Rs. Crores)	Timelines
1	Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP-I & II) from Varanasi-Haldia stretch on NW-1 (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System) in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	5061.15	December, 2025
2	Comprehensive Development of NW-2 (River Brahmaputra from Bangladesh Border –Dhubri to Sadiya) in Assam	474	March, 2025
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development of Approach Road from Pandu Port Terminal to NH-27</li><li>• Development of Ship Repair Facility on NW-2 at Pandu, Guwahati(Assam)</li></ul>	388	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• March, 2025</li><li>• May, 2025</li></ul>
5	Comprehensive Development of NW-16 (River Barak from Lakhimpur to Tukur Gram) in Assam and Indian Portion of Indo-Bangladesh Route in Assam	147.79	March, 2025
6	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	March, 2026

**ANNEXURE - II****The state-wise details of the projects under Sagarmala Scheme including the State of Maharashtra.**

S No.	State	Completed		Under Implementation	
		# Project	Cost (In Rs. Crores)	# Project	Cost (In Rs. Crores)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1	13	1	25
2	Andhra Pradesh	1	43		
3	Goa			1	102
4	Gujarat	3	364	2	252
5	Karnataka			1	65
6	Kerala	2	31		
7	Maharashtra	13	370	7	638
8	Odisha			2	164
9	Tamil Nadu	2	116	3	31
10	West Bengal			1	15
	Total	22	937	18	1292

Further, the proposal of Government of Assam for development of eight smaller terminals and two slipways along the National Waterway-2 for enhancing the Inland Water Transport infrastructure and connectivity has been in-principally agreed by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for 100 % financial assistance under Sagarmala Scheme with total outlay of Rs. 645.56 Cr.

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