

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
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URBAN WATER TRANSPORT

3469. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:
SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:
SHRI CHAVDA VINOD LAKHAMSHI:
SMT. KAMALJEET SEHRAWAT:
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SHRI P P CHAUDHARY:
SMT. KAMLESH JANGDE:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA:
SHRI RAVINDRA SHUKLA ALIAS RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRI NABA CHARAN MAJHI:
SMT. SHOBHANABEN MAHENDRASINH BARAIYA:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:
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- (a) the key parameters that were considered while selecting the 17 cities for the Urban Water Transport System feasibility study;
- (b) the manner in which the Government plans to integrate the proposed Urban Water Transport System with existing metro, bus, and railway networks to ensure seamless multimodal connectivity;
- (c) whether the Government plans to expand the Urban Water Transport System to additional cities in the future, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the current status of the said feasibility study conducted in respect of Mangalore Gurupura River) along with the proposed roadmap post the feasibility study;
- (e) whether any specific framework is being prepared regarding implementation of the said system for Chhattisgarh and North-Eastern States including Assam; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The key parameters considered in selection of 17 cities for conducting feasibility study for Urban Water Transport System includes minimum population of 1 million,

proximity to existing navigable inland waterways and the presence of substantial ferry services.

(b) & (c) In order to integrate the proposed Urban Water Transport System with existing metro, bus and railway networks to ensure seamless multi-modal connectivity, Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL) has been engaged to conduct feasibility study for Urban Water Transport System for the 17 locations. As of now, there is no such proposal to expand this in additional cities.

(d) The work for conducting feasibility study in 17 cities, which also includes Mangalore (Gurupura River) has been awarded to KMRL. The roadmap depends on the outcome of the feasibility study.

(e) & (f) Guwahati and Dhubri in Assam are among the 17 identified locations from North-Eastern States for conducting feasibility study. There is no specific plan for Chhatisgarh as of now. Implementation of Urban Water Transport System depends on the outcome/ recommendations of the feasibility study.
