

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3533**  
ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025

**DEVELOPMENT OF NARAYANI RIVER FRONT**

3533. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether it is fact that the development of river front on Narayani River in the district of Gopalganj was undertaken and two Ghats were constructed under Namami Ganga Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the river Gandak (Narayani River) was declared as National Waterway-37 from Bhaisalotan Barrage to Gandak and Ganga river confluence at Hajipur along with 111 National Waterways in the country, if so, the details of progress in this regard;
- (d) whether it is fact that due to non-availability of the potential cargo as well as very low navigational/vertical clearance on account of the structure located across NW-37, i.e. Rewa Ghat Bridge, development activities are in abeyance; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and remedial action proposed in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Under the Namami Gange Programme, two Ghats were completed on the Narayani River in the district of Gopalganj, Bihar in July 2021 at a cost of Rs. 8.25 Crore and handed over to the respective urban local bodies (ULBs). The details of the Ghats are as below:

1. Dumariya Ghat 60m X 30m
2. Bridge Ghat 60m X 30m

(c) Yes. The river Gandak (Narayani River) was declared as National Waterway-37 from Bhaisalotan Barrage near Triveni Ghat to Gandak and Ganga river confluence at Hajipur along with 111 National Waterways in the Country. IWAI has initiated hydro graphic survey to assess the navigational depth and for providing floating jetties along the waterways.

(d) & (e) To initiate the developmental activities on Gandak River (NW-37), IWAI has engaged M/s Rail India Technical and Economic Service Ltd. (RITES) for "Preparation / updation of Detailed Project Report for development of Inland Waterway" which includes the identification of potential cargo for movement by IWT and also identification of cross structures as per the navigational standards. With regard to the navigation issue below the Rewa Ghat Bridge, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has been requested to construct new bridge with appropriate vertical & horizontal navigational clearance.

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