GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3637
ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025

WATERWAYS IN THE GANGA RIVER

3637. SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

(a) the quantum of funds spent so far on the port being built in Milkipur, District Chandauli/Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh for the purpose of water transport in the river Ganga;

(b) the percentage of success achieved in respect of the said port;

(c) the number of ports being built between Varanasi and Kolkata and the number of ships operating at present on this route;

(d) whether the Government proposes to handover this port to a private player, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the manner in which the Government proposes to run this port?

ANSWER

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

(a)   Rs. 182.33 Cr has been spent till date on construction of Multimodal Terminal (MMT) at Varanasi under Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP).

(b)   MMT, Varanasi is constructed with cargo handling capacity of 1.26 Million Metric Ton per annum and is operational.

(c)   Three Multi Modal Terminals at Varanasi, Sahibganj and Haldia and one Intermodal Terminal (IMT) at Kalughat have been built under Jal Marg Vikas Project between Varanasi to Haldia. In addition, 49 community jetties have been constructed between Varanasi and Kolkata. Two intermodal terminals i.e. one at Patna and other at Kolkata have already been developed and are in operation. 87 (Cargo/ Cruise) vessels are operating on this route.

(d) & (e) IWAI has already engaged Public Private Partnership (PPP) concessionaire for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of MMT Haldia, Garden Reach Jetty at Kolkata and IMT at Kalughat. Further, to strengthen port-led connectivity and integration of ports with inland and coastal shipping, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority, Kolkata has been approached for Operation & Maintenance of terminals on National Waterways - 1.

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