

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4616
ANSWERED ON 28.03.2025

DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS

4616. COM. SELVARAJ V:
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Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:
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- (a) whether the Government has a plan to invest about Rs. 50,000 crore in the development and improvement of Inland Waterways in the country in the coming five years; and
- (b) if so, the details of the areas where there is scope for development of waterways and the steps that are being taken for the development and improvement of inland waterways?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes. Development works on National Waterways (NWs) are taken up by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) with a view to develop NWs for cargo / river cruise tourism wherever feasible. Main areas of development include fairway development with navigable depth, construction of fixed and floating terminals/jetties for berthing facilities and provision for suitable inland vessels.
