

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5731**  
ANSWERED ON 04.04.2025

**CARGO TRANSPORTATION IN INLAND WATERWAYS**

5731. SHRI DAMODAR AGRAWAL:  
SHRI TRIVENDRA SINGH RAWAT:  
SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:  
SHRI P P CHAUDHARY:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) the total Cargo transportation through the inland waterways during the last three years including financial year 2024-25 till February, 2025;
- (b) the total Cargo transportation through inland waterways from financial year 2014-15 till February, 2015;
- (c) the total quantum of funds allocated and incurred till February, 2025 for the 'Cargo Promotion Scheme';
- (d) the details of the incentives provided by the Government for 'Cargo Promotion Scheme' during the said period; and
- (e) the mandate of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) and the infrastructure developed for transportation by IWAI indicating the total length of inland waterways operational in the year 2014-15, 2019-20 and 2023-24, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) The total Cargo transportation through the National Waterways during the last three years is given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b> <b>(Till February, 2025)</b>
<b>Cargo Transported in Million Tons</b>	<b>126.15</b>	<b>133.03</b>	<b>133.12</b>

(b) Total cargo transportation through National Waterways (NWs) in financial year 2014-15 was 29.16 Million Ton.

(c) & (d) The Cargo Promotion Scheme (Jalvahak Scheme) launched by Government on 15.12.2024 has following two components:

Component 1: Provide up to 35% financial incentives directly to the cargo owners for substantial modal-shift of cargo from rail/road to Inland Water Transport.

Component 2: Launch of scheduled service for promotion of Inland Water Transport by Inland & Coastal Shipping Ltd. (ICSL) on NW-1, NW-2 via Indo Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) Route.

The cargo promotion scheme has approved provision of Rs. 95.42 crore for a period of three years (F.Y. 2024-25 to F.Y. 2026-27). Under the scheme, an expenditure of Rs. 1.16 crore has been incurred till February, 2025.

(e) The mandate of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is to regulate and develop National Waterways for purposes of shipping and navigation. Fairway maintenance works (river training, maintenance dredging, channel marking and regular hydrographic surveys), construction of community jetties, floating terminals, Multi-Modal Terminals (MMTs), Inter-Modal Terminals (IMT) and Navigational Lock etc. have been undertaken by IWAI as part of infrastructure development on NWs. The length of National Waterways operational in the year 2014-15, 2019-20 and 2023-24 is 2716 Km, 4203 Km and 4894 Km respectively. State/UT wise detail is given in Annexure.

**Annexure**

<b>State wise Operational National Waterways in Years 2014-15, 2019-20 &amp; 2023-24 with length (in Km)</b>					
<b>SI.No.</b>	<b>National Waterways</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
1	NW-1 (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia-Allahabad))	U.P., Bihar, Jharkhand, W. Bengal	1,620	1,620	1,620
2	NW-2 (Brahmaputra River (Dhubri-Sadiya))	Assam	891	891	891
3	NW-3 (West Coast Canal)	Kerala	205	205	205
4	NW-4 (Krishna Godavari River Systems)	A.P.	-	82	82
5	NW-5 (East Coast Canal And Matai River/Brahmani-Kharsua-Dhamra Rivers/Mahanadi Delta Rivers)	Odisha	-	-	233
6	NW-8 (Alappuzha-Changanassery Canal)	Kerala	-	-	29
7	NW-9 (Alappuzha-KottayamAthirampuzha Canal)	Kerala	-	-	40
8	NW-14 (Baitarni River)	Odisha	-	-	48
9	NW-16 (Barak River)	Assam	-	121	121
10	NW-23 (BudhaBalanga)	Odisha	-	-	56
11	NW-31 (Dhansiri/Chathe)	Assam	-	-	114
12	NW-44 (Ichamati River)	W. Bengal	-	63	63
13	NW-64 (Mahanadi River)	Odisha	-	-	98
14	NW-86 (Rupnarayan River)	W. Bengal	-	-	72
15	NW-94 (Sone River)	Bihar	-	141	141
16	NW-97 (Sunderbans Waterway)	W. Bengal	-	172	172
17	NW-10 (Amba River)	Maharashtra	-	45	45
18	NW-83 (Rajpuri Creek)	Maharashtra	-	-	-

				31	31
19	NW-85 (Revadanda Creek-Kundalika River System)	Maharashtra	-	31	31
20	NW-91 (Shastri River - Jaigad Creek System)	Maharashtra	-	48	48
21	NW-68 (Mandovi River)	Goa	-	41	41
22	NW-111 (Zuari River)	Goa	-	50	50
23	NW-73 (Narmada River)	Gujarat	-	226	226
24	NW-100 (Tapi River)	Gujarat	-	436	436
	<b>Total Length in KM.</b>		<b>2,716</b>	<b>4,203</b>	<b>4,894</b>

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