

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *290
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2025

GREEN WATERWAYS INITIATIVE

*290. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

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

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- (a) the present status of International Container Transshipment Port (ICTP) at Galathea Bay which is scheduled to be operationalised in 2028;
- (b) the detail of projects initiated and funds provided to develop Green Waterway Initiative through harbour craft green transmission and Green Tug Transition programmes in the country; and
- (c) the Government's plan towards achieving sustainable maritime ecosystem of International Maritime Organization Greenhouse Gas (IMO GHG) Strategy under UN sustainable development goal 13 by 2030?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *290 FOR 08TH AUGUST, 2025 RAISED BY SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE REGARDING “GREEN WATERWAYS INITIATIVE”

(a) The project has received in-principle approval from the Department of Expenditure (DoE). The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the International Container Transshipment Port (ICTP) at Galathea Bay is underway.

(b) & (c) The Central Government launched the Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP) and Harit Nauka guidelines (Green transition guidelines for Inland vessels) to develop green waterway. The aim of GTTP is to shift from diesel to green tugs by 2040. Harit Nauka guidelines focus on realizing the complete potential of Inland Waterway Transport (IWT) as an environment friendly and sustainable transportation mode. Phase-I covers four major ports, each procuring two green tugs. GTTP supports Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision-2047 to cut port vessel emissions.
