

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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INLAND WATER TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT IN UTTAR PRADESH

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any specific projects in Uttar Pradesh under the Sagarmala Programme to enhance port infrastructure and connectivity for trade, if so, the details thereof, including their status and expected economic impact;
- (b) whether the Government is addressing any challenges related to inland water transport development along major rivers in Uttar Pradesh particularly regarding infrastructure navigation and sustainability, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has plans to promote regional connectivity and logistics hubs in these districts and if so, the details thereof, including timelines, investments and expected benefits for the local population, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The details of sanctioned projects in Uttar Pradesh under Inland Water Transport (IWT) development by IWAI with status & economic impact are given at Annexure-1. The economic impact includes creation of supplementary mode of transport, reduced logistic cost, boost river cruise tourism and lower carbon emission.
- (b) The major challenge faced in Inland Water Transport relates to availability of fairway and terminal infrastructure, which has been addressed by the Government through dredging/bandalling and construction of jetties.
- (c) IWAI has acquired 75 acres of land in Chandauli district of Uttar Pradesh for development of a logistics hub i.e. freight village, adjacent to the Varanasi multi-modal terminal. The freight village offers numerous benefits including employment generation in logistics and allied sectors, support for local MSMEs and farmers through better storage and transport, reduced city road congestion.

Annexure-1**IWT PROJECTS IN UTTAR PRADESH****Projects completed in Uttar Pradesh**

Sl. No.	Name of Sub Project	Cost (Rs. Cr.)
1.	Development of Multimodal Terminal at Varanasi	182.33
2.	Development of 11 Community Jetties in Varanasi, Chandauli, Ghazipur and Ballia in Uttar Pradesh	17
3	2 Jetties Installed at Ayodhya, UP on NW-40 (Ghaghara River)	4
4	2 Electric Catamarans deployed at Varanasi and Ayodhya	25.6
5	1 Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vessel at Varanasi	22.62
	Sub Total	251.55

Projects on-going in Uttar Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of Sub Project	Cost (Rs. Cr.)
1.	Fairway Development Majhauwa – Ghazipur	78.64
2	Development of 4 Nos Steel Community Jetties in Ballia and Ghazipur, UP	7.82
3	Fairway Development from Ghazipur to Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	102.98
4.	Development of IWT Jetties (6-installed; 2-work in progress) at Mathura in Yamuna	12.00
5.	Ayodhya& Mathura Projects - Quantity based dredging between Guptarghat (NW-40) and Nayaghat&Jugal Kishore ghat –Gokul Barrage (NW-110)	8.45
6.	Development of River Cruise Terminal at Varanasi	200
7.	Development of Regional Centre of Excellence at Varanasi	150
8.	Development of Ship Repair facility	50
