

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2105
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2025

DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL WATERWAY-48

2105. SHRI RAO RAJENDRA SINGH:

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

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- (a) whether the Government has made any headway in the development of National Waterway-48, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any deadline for the completion of the NW-48 project, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any progress has been made in the scheme to develop a port by constructing an artificial canal at Bakhasar in Barmer district of Rajasthan under the National Waterway-48 project, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the strategic and economic importance of the aforementioned port;

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, has engaged National Technology Center for Ports, Waterways & Coasts (NTCPWC), IIT Madras for carrying out mathematical modelling of the National Waterway-48 (NW-48) (Jawai Luni-Rann of Kutch River System). Further course of action will be based on the outcome of the mathematical modelling.
