

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3253**  
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2025

**NATIONAL WATERWAYS IN MAHARASHTRA**

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether fifteen National Waterways (NWs) covering a total length of 3,089 km in Maharashtra were declared under the National Waterways Act, 2016 and if so, the details thereof including distribution district-wise;
- (b) the names and navigable lengths of the six operational National Waterways along with the nature of cargo/passenger movement being facilitated in Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the Government has received any fresh proposals for new waterways or upgradation of non-operational NWs in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken any study or initiative to promote modal shift of cargo transport to inland waterways to reduce logistics costs in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken to promote industrialization and economic activity along the riverbanks in Maharashtra, especially in districts like Raigad, Mumbai and Ratnagiri, which are stated to be the primary beneficiaries of inland water transport?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Fifteen (15) National Waterways (NWs) in Maharashtra were declared as National Waterways vide National Waterways Act, 2016. The total length of these NWs is 3089 kilometers (kms), out of which, 1851.45 kms is in Maharashtra. Details of these NWs in Maharashtra covering various districts are at **Annexure**.

(b) Five (5) NWs are operational in the State of Maharashtra with a total length of 304 km. The operational NWs are NW-10 (River Amba), NW-53 (Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai Waterway, Vasai Creek and Ulhas River), NW-83 (Rajpuri Creek), NW-85 (Revdanda creek and Kundalika River), and NW-91 (Shastri River-Jaigad Fort creek). The cargo moved on these NWs includes coal, iron ore, cement clinker etc. Total passenger movement recorded on these NWs was 27.37 lakh during 2024-25.

(c) One proposal for preparation of pre-feasibility study of Vidharbha Seaway Canal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra.

(d) The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is taking initiatives for modal shift of cargo to Inland Water Transport (IWT) mode through regular meetings with stakeholders including request to Central and State PSUs for earmarking certain percentage of their cargo for transportation using inland waterways. As a result, the total cargo movement on the five (5) NWs viz. NW-10, NW-53, NW-83, NW-85 and NW-91 have increased from 28.21 million metric tonne during 2020-21 to 66.11 million metric tonne during 2024-25. However, no specific study with respect to the State of Maharashtra has been undertaken.

(e) IWAI is mandated with the responsibility of development and regulation of inland waterways for shipping and navigation. The economic activity and industrialization across river banks comes largely under the domain of respective state governments. As informed by the Government of Maharashtra, under the Maharashtra Logistics Policy-2024, the Government has envisaged several initiatives to improve coastal logistics and promote port-led industrialisation in South Maharashtra, particularly in the districts of Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg. The policy envisions development of integrated logistics hubs, improved coastal connectivity and enhanced port infrastructure ensure efficient to movement of cargo and promote regional economic growth.

**Details of National Waterways in Maharashtra:**

| S. No.       | NW     | River   | Total Length (km) | Length in Maharashtra (km) | Districts   |
|--------------|--------|---|-------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1.           | NW 4   | Godavari (Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh & Telangana)          | 1202              | 683.6                      | Nashik, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Beed, Jalana, Nanded, Prabhani & Gadchiroli |
| 2.           | NW 10  | Amba River  | 45                | 45                         | Raigad  |
| 3.           | NW 11  | Arunavati – Arani river system                            | 99                | 99                         | Yawatmal, Washim  |
| 4.           | NW 28  | Dabhol creek-Vashishti River                              | 45                | 45                         | Ratnagiri   |
| 5.           | NW 53  | Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai Waterway, Vasai Creek and Ulhas River | 145               | 145                        | Mumbai, Malegaon, Nashik  |
| 6.           | NW 72  | Nag River   | 60                | 60                         | Nagpur  |
| 7.           | NW 83  | Rajpuri creek   | 31                | 31                         | Raigad  |
| 8.           | NW 85  | Revdanda creek and Kundalika River                        | 31                | 31                         | Raigad  |
| 9.           | NW 89  | Savitri River and Bankot creek                            | 46                | 46                         | Raigad  |
| 10.          | NW 91  | Shastri River-Jaigad Fort creek                           | 52                | 52                         | Ratnagiri   |
| 11.          | NW 100 | Tapi River( Gujarat & Maharashtra)                        | 436               | 228                        | Dhule, Jalgaon, Nandurbar   |
| 12.          | NW 70  | Manjira River   | 245               | 108.78                     | Nanded  |
| 13.          | NW 78  | Painganga River-Wardha River                              | 261.51            | 197.60                     | Buldhana, Chandrapur, Yawatmal, Washim, Hingoli                             |
| 14.          | NW 109 | Wainganga River-Pranahita River                           | 165.78            | 35                         | Chandrapur & Gadchiroli   |
| 15.          | NW 73  | Narmada ( Gujarat & Maharashtra)                          | 226               | 44.5                       | Nandurbar   |
| <b>Total</b> |        |   | <b>3090</b>       | <b>1851.45</b>             |   |