

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 978
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ARTIFICIAL CANAL AND PORT PROJECT IN BAKHASAR

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

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- (a) whether there is any proposed plan to develop a port through an artificial canal in Bakhasar area of Barmer district of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has prepared any detailed report, technical survey or mathematical model with regard to this project and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said report or study is still pending, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is formulating any time-bound plan to prioritise and expedite the implementation of the said project with a view to opening new doors of development in Rajasthan in the future;
- (e) if not, the reasons for said project not assuming concrete shape till now; and
- (f) whether there are any technical, financial, environmental or international obstacles in the implementation of this project, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has engaged National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways & Coasts (NTCPWC), IIT Madras for carrying out mathematical modelling of the National Waterway (NW) - 48 (Jawai-Luni River and Rann of Kutch) which passes through Barmer district also. Further course of action will be decided based on the outcome of mathematical modelling.
