

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2244
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2025

INLAND WATER TRANSPORT

2244. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:
पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a great potential for inland water transport in the Coastal districts of Karnataka under National Waterways, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a detailed action plan has been prepared to develop terminals, jetties and logistics hubs in Udupi, Dakshina Kannada and Uttara Kannada districts of Karnataka, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a multimodal connectivity scheme is being implemented to link these terminals with railways, highways and industrial areas, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government is considering to provide technical and financial assistance for its promotion, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Karnataka has 12 declared National Waterways (NWs) as per The National Waterways Act, 2016 as given at **Annexure-I**. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has prepared an action plan for providing floating jetties for river cruise tourism. The detail action plan is given at **Annexure-II**. Besides this, IWAI is conducting technical feasibility for setting up of logistics hub at Mangaluru. The outcome will depend on the recommendations of the technical feasibility report.

(c) No.

(d) The developmental works in these NWs are being taken up by IWAI through Government Budgetary Support.

Annexure-I**National Waterways in Karnataka**

Sl. No	National Waterway	River	Length in Km	State(s)
1.	NW-4	Krishna river (Wazirabad to Vijayawada)	636	Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka, Puducherry and Chhattisgarh
2.	NW-21	Bheema river	139	Karnataka & Telangana
3.	NW-41	Ghataprabha river	112	Karnataka
4.	NW-43	Gurupur river	10	Karnataka
5.	NW-51	Kabini river	23	Karnataka
6.	NW-52	Kali river	53	Karnataka
7.	NW-67	Malaprabha river	94	Karnataka
8.	NW-74	Netravathi river	79	Karnataka
9.	NW-76	Panchagangavali (panchagangoli) river	23	Karnataka
10.	NW-90	Sharavati river	29	Karnataka
11.	NW-104	Tungabhadra river	232	Karnataka, Telangana & Andhra Pradesh
12.	NW-105	Udayavara river	15	Karnataka

Annexure-II

Action Plan for providing floating jetties and navigational aids by 2026-27 by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in Karnataka NWs

- (a) Gurupur River (NW-43) & Netravathi River (NW-74)- 3 pairs of connecting jetties are proposed to connect Bengre Ferry Service, BMS ferry line, Sulthan Bathery. Further, a pair of jetty at Bolar and Ullal is proposed for development for ferry route (1.5 Km) against a distance of 15.7 Kms taken by road. Jetties already exist at these locations, the same are proposed to be augmented by navigational aids.
- (b) Kali River (NW-52)- Induction of navigational aids and augmentation of existing jetty (24 m x 6m) is proposed navigational aids are proposed to be set up.
- (c) Panchagangavali River (NW-76)- A floating jetty at Kodi beach is proposed for initiating river cruise in the backwaters of this river.
- (d) Sharavati River (NW-90)- 2 floating jetties at Honnavar and Gerusoppa are proposed for river cruise tourism. The tender has already been floated and navigational aids are proposed to be set up.
- (e) Udayvara River (NW-105)- A floating jetty is proposed at Malpe for river cruise tourism. Existing cruise operations connect maple sea view to St. Mary Island and Daria Bahadurgarh Fort.
