

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 929
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2025

INLAND WATERWAY PROJECTS

929. SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK DEV:

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

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- (a) the details of the potential for trade through projects for development of Inland Waterways in the country;
- (b) the financial details of the projects that have been sanctioned; and
- (c) whether private companies have participated in the implementation of the said projects, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, has been conducting feasibility studies and on the basis of feasibility, 32 National Waterways (NWs) have been made operational. The details of operational NWs are given at **Annexure-1**.
- (b) The financial details of sanctioned projects for development of Inland Waterways Transport Sector are placed at **Annexure-2**.
- (c) Yes, Sir. The private sector is participating in operation and maintenance of terminals, jetties and vessels.

Annexure -1

Operational National Waterways as on 30.11.2025		
Sl. No.	NW No.	National Waterway Name
1	NW-1	Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia-Allahabad)
2	NW-2	Brahmaputra River (Dhubri-Sadiya)
3	NW-3	West Coast Canal
4	NW-4	Krishna Godavari River Systems
5	NW-5	East Coast Canal and Matai River/Brahmani-Kharsua-Dhamra Rivers/Mahanadi Delta Rivers
6	NW-8	Alappuzha-Changanassery Canal
7	NW-9	Alappuzha-Kottayam-Athirampuzha Canal
8	NW-14	Baitarni River
9	NW-16	Barak River
10	NW-23	Budha Balanga
11	NW-31	Dhansiri/Chathe
12	NW-44	Ichamati River
13	NW-48	Jawai-Luni-Rann Of Kutch River
14	NW-53	(Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai Waterway, Vasai Creek And Ulhas River)
15	NW-64	Mahanadi River
16	NW-86	Rupnarayan River
17	NW-94	Sone River
18	NW-97	Sunderbans Waterway
19	NW-10	Amba River
20	NW-83	Rajpuri Creek
21	NW-85	Revadanda Creek-Kundalika River System
22	NW-91	Shastri River - Jaigad Creek System
23	NW-68	Mandovi River

24	NW-111	Zuari River
25	NW-73	Narmada River
26	NW-100	Tapi River
27	NW-27	Cumberjua River
28	NW-47	Jalangi River
29	NW-87	Sabarmati River
30	NW-57	Kopili River
31	NW-110	Yamuna River
32	NW-40	Ghaghra River

Annexure-2**Summary of Inland Water Transport Projects/Schemes on National Waterways
(Sanctioned projects):**

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Sanctioned Amount (INR Cr)
1	JMVP-1 (River Ganga)	4600.58
2	JMVP-II (Arth Ganga) on River Ganga	
3	8. Hybrid Electric Catamaran	144
4	Comprehensive Development of NW-2 (River Brahmaputra)	498.38
5	Development of Approach Road from Pandu Port Terminal to NH-27 and Ship Repair Facility at Pandu, Guwahati on NW-2	419.00
6	Comprehensive Development of NW-16 (River Barak)	134.72
7	Development of 23 NW's (Phase-1)	266.09
8	CSS in NER States	100.00
9	Other National Waterways (NWs)	242.74
Total		6405.51
