

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 985**  
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2025

**DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS IN MAHARASHTRA**

985. MS. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE:

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

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- (a) whether the Government has identified any rivers or waterways in the State of Maharashtra for development under the National Waterways Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including their length, navigability and current status of development;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any feasibility studies on the economic viability and environmental sustainability of these waterways, if so, the findings thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to promote cargo and passenger movement through inland waterways in Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
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(a) to (c) There are 14 declared National Waterways (NWs) in the State of Maharashtra among 111 declared NWs throughout the country. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, has prepared the feasibility report of all the 14 NWs in the State. The feasible 7 NWs with navigable length of 662.97 km have been identified for development and the action plan for the same has been shared with Government of Maharashtra. The details of the 7 NWs, total and navigable length are at **Annexure-1**.

(d) In the State of Maharashtra NW-10 (Amba River), NW-53 (River Kalyan-Thane Mumbai Waterways, Vasai Creek & Ulhas River), NW-83 (Rajpuri Creek), NW-85 (Revadanda-Kundalika River), NW-89 (Savitri River-Bankot Creek) and NW-91 (River Shastri-Jaigad Creek) handled 45.35% of the total Inland Water Transport cargo across the country in 2024-25. IWAI is providing assistance to cargo operators on requirement.

**Annexure-1**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Total Length (in km)</b>	<b>Navigable length (in km)</b>
1.	NW-4 (River Godavari)	1201.60	82
2.	NW-11 (Arunavati-Aran)	98.9	18
3.	NW-28 (Dabhol Creek-Vashishti River)	45.228	19
4.	NW-53 (Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai Waterway Vasai Creek & Ulhas River)	144.64	68
5.	NW-85 (Revadanda Creek & Kundalika River)	30.73	30.73
6.	NW-100 (River Tapi)	436.24	436.24
7.	NW-109 (River Waingaganga Pranahita)	165.78	9

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