

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1196  
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2026

**CARGO OWNERS**

1196. SHRI B K PARTHASARATHI:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government maintains the data regarding the number of cargo owners operating in India, if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the number of cargo owners registered and approved for receiving incentives under the JalVahak Scheme indicating the incentive disbursed to beneficiaries till date;
- (c) the number of scheduled services being offered under the scheme along with the total number of vessels operating for such services;
- (d) whether the Government is monitoring vessel utilization capacity and the average cost incurred per trip for these scheduled services, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of feedback obtained from cargo owners under both components of the scheme;
- (f) the criteria adopted for selecting waterways and routes covered under the JalVahak Scheme; and
- (g) whether the assessment of the performance of the scheme has been completed, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a)& (b) The data for all cargo owners operating in India is not available. The number of cargo owners registered and approved for receiving incentives under the Jalvahak Scheme are 10 and 6 respectively. However, no incentive has been disbursed till date as none of the above mentioned entities has submitted any claim for cargo movement.

(c) Two schedule services namely Kolkata/Haldia to Varanasi and Kolkata/Haldia to Pandu are operating under the Jalvahak Scheme and five vessels are operating for these scheduled services.

(d) Details of vessel utilisation capacity and the average cost incurred per trip for these scheduled are at Annexure-I.

(e) Feedback received from cargo owners, namely, Tata Steel, Ultratech Cement,, Birla White Cement and stone aggregators on scheduled services is encouraging. However, there is no feed back on incentive to cargo owners as no claim for movement has been made

(f) The Jalvahak Scheme is applicable to National Waterway (NW-1), National Waterway-2 (NW-2) and National Waterway-16 (NW-16) and the routes covered under the Scheme are (i) Haldia/Kolkata – Patna/Varanasi (ii) Haldia/Kolkata – Guwahati – via IBP Route and (iii) Haldia/Kolkata – Karimganj/Badarpur via IBP Route.

(g) During last one year, performance of scheduled services on NW-1 and NW-2 has demonstrated a steady growth in cargo volume as well as improved cost efficiency. As per actual performance data, total cargo carried is 15883 MT against annual target of 11400 MT and achievement is 139% of the targeted cargo volume.

**Annexure-1**

Voyage No.	Vessel Name	Voyage period	Vessel Capacity (MT)	Cargo (MT)	Total Waterway Distance (KM)	Route	Total Expenditure
1.	MV Ram Prasad Bismil with DB Kalpana Chawla and DB APJ Abdul Kalam	28.06.2025 to 04.09.2025	2000 MT	1500 MT	1305 KM	NW-1 to NW-2 (Haldia to Pandu)	Rs. 36,97,870/-
2.	MV Trisul with DB Ajay and DB Dikhu	18.02.2025 to 25.04.2025	2000 MT	1000 MT	1375 KM	NW-2 to NW-1 (Pandu to Kolkata)	Rs. 25,47,058/-
3.	MV Trisul with DB Ajay and DB Dikhu	16.05.2025 to 08.07.2025	2000 MT	1500 MT	1375 KM	NW-1 to NW-2 (Kolkata to Pandu)	Rs. 34,32,856/-
4.	MV Trisul with DB Ajay and DB Dikhu	02.08.2025 to 14.09.2025.	2000 MT	1486.9 MT	1375 KM	NW-2 to NW-1 (Pandu to Kolkata)	Rs. 12,53,945/-
5.	MV V VGiri	17.05.2025 to 12.07.2025	300 MT	217 MT (as per IWAI records of scheduled services)	1375 KM	NW-1 to NW-2 (Kolkata to Pandu)	Rs. 19,45,870/-
6.	MV HomiBhabha	31.03.2025 to 30.08.2025	300 MT	294 MT	1030 KM (350 KM plus 680 KM)	a. NW-1 (Patna to Varanasi)  b. NW-1 (Varanasi to	Rs. 40,33,912/-

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7.	MV HomiBhabha	05.12.2024 to 11.01.2025	300 MT	201.7 MT	1165 KM	NW-1 (Kolkata to Varanasi)	Rs. 17,69,806/-
8.	MV HomiBhabha	12.01.2025 to 15.02.2025	300 MT	90.06 MT	1165 KM	NW-1 (Varanasi to Kolkata)	Rs. 12,36,623/-
9.	MV HomiBhabha	16.02.2025 to 30.03.2025	300 MT	154.91 MT	1095 KM (Kol-Hal- Pat)	NW-1 (Patna to Kolkata)	Rs. 37,23,897/-
10.	MV AAI	12.12.2024 to 12.01.2025	2000 MT	1000 MT	815 KM	NW-1 (Haldia to Gaighat)	Rs. 19,65,415/-
11.	MV Trisul with DB Ajay and DB Dikhu	15.12.2024 to 08.01.2025	2000 MT	1514 MT	1375 KM	NW-1 to NW-2 (Kolkata to Pandu)	Rs. 27,39,324/-

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