

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3198**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2015**

**WATERWAYS PROJECT IN NER**

3198. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

**पोत परिवहन मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any timeline for the development of projects in the North Eastern Region pertaining to waterways connecting India and Bangladesh; and
- (b) if so, the details and progress made on these projects and the current status thereof, project-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):North Eastern Region has waterway connectivity with Bangladesh through river Brahmaputra, Barak and Sunderbans. The river Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya (891 km) has been declared as National Waterway in 1988 and since then this has been developed and is being maintained for navigation with targeted depth, navigational aids and terminals facilities with storage area and mechanized handling facilities. At present, this National Waterway is operational and vessels are plying.

No time lines for development projects on Barak and Sunderban waterways can be fixed at present as these waterways are part of the proposed 'National Waterways' included in the National Waterways Bill, 2015 awaiting consideration by the Lok Sabha.

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