

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4180
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th AUGUST, 2016

INTEGRATED NATIONAL WATERWAYS TRANSPORT GRID

4180. SHRI RAGHAVLAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has set up an Integrated National Waterways Transport Grid (INWTG) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) the financial implication involved thereon along with the advantage likely to accrue as a result of setting up of INWTG; and
- (d) the time by which the INWTG is likely to be made functional?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A proposal to implement a project for setting up of an Integrated National Waterways Transport Grid (INWTG) at an estimated cost of Rs. 22,763 crore was formulated based on the report prepared by M/s RITES Ltd. However, since the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is already undertaking the sub-components of INWTG on National Waterways-1 to 5 including the Jal Marg Vikas project related to NW-1, through budgetary support and external aid through multi-lateral funding, it has been decided that the proposal of INWTG as a comprehensive project may not be pursued further. Projects that are viable and can be implemented early are being taken up on priority on all the National Waterways declared under the National Waterways Act, 2016.
