GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *217
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2026

WATERWAYS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL 3.0

*217. SHRI CHAVAN RAVINDRA VASANTRAO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

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

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(a) whether the Waterways Development Council (WDC) 3.0 has approved projects worth approximately Rs.15,000 crore, if so, the details thereof;
(b) the details of the projects approved, including their nature, locations and estimated cost alongwith the National Waterways covered under the said projects, State-wise;
(c) whether the Union Government/WDC has held any consultation with the State Governments or other stakeholders in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
(d) the names of the operational projects and the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed;
(e) the likely impact of the said projects on cargo movement, logistics efficiency, employment generation and tourism in the country; and
(f) the measures taken/being taken to ensure timely execution and environmental sustainability of the said projects?

ANSWER

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

(a) to(f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *217 FOR ANSWER ON 13.02.2026 RAISED BY SHRI CHAVAN RAVINDRA VASANTRAO AND SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA, HON'BLE MPS REGARDING "WATERWAYS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL 3.0"

(a), (b) and (d) During the 3rd meeting of Inland Waterways Development Council (IWDC3.0) held on 23.01.2026 at Kochi, Kerala, the projects worth Rs. 1,515 Cr. were identified.The details of the projectsare given at **Annexure.**

(c) All these projects have been plannedin consultation with the respective State Governments and Stakeholders at various forums including IWDC.

(e) Impacts of the projects are: (i) Boosting Cargo and Cruise movement (ii) Enhancing Navigability and Terminal Operations (iii) Improving Passenger and Vehicular Movement (iv) Expanding Cruise Tourism Network and (v) Thrust to Regional Logistics and Connectivity in various regions.

(f) The projects are being or will be implemented through time-bound action plans with clear milestones. Timely execution is ensured through regular reviewsby Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) and theInland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous body under the MoPSW.It is also ensured through coordination with State Governments and other stakeholders. Environmental sustainability is ensured by carrying out environmental and social impact assessments, obtaining statutory clearances wherever required, adopting eco-friendly construction practicesand continuous monitoring for compliance of environmental regulations.

Annexure

As referred to in reply to Part (a), (b) and (d) ofLok Sabha Starred Question *217 for answer on 13.02.2026 raised by Shri ChavanRavindraVasantrao and Shri Sudheer Gupta, Hon'ble MPs regarding "Waterways Development Council 3.0"

Sl. No.	Project	Value (In Rs. Crore)	National Waterway	Location / State	Expected completion
Laying of Foundation Stone					
1	River Cruise Jetties	51.00	NW-3, NW-4, NW- 100, NW- 14, NW-64, NW- 51 &NW-90	Kerala, Gujarat, Odisha & Telangana	October, 2026
2	Ro-Ro / Cargo Terminal	19.00	NW-4	Muktyala&Harishchandrapuram, Andhra Pradesh	October, 2026 & March, 2027
3	Onshore Facilities	80.00	NW-49	Jammu & Kashmir	March, 2027
	Sub Total	**150**			
Asset Procurement					
1	1 Survey Vessel	3.15	NW-3	Kerala	December, 2026
2	4 Ro-Pax jetties	10.10	NW-1	Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	April, 2026
3	20 Pontoons	55.10	NW-1	Bihar & West Bengal	September, 2026
4	8 Quick Pontoon Opening Mechanism	80.61	NW-1	Uttar Pradesh & Bihar	August, 2027
5	4 Hybrid Survey Vessels	41.51	NW-1	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	February, 2027
6	8 Amphibian Dredgers	81.00	NW-1	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	June, 2027
7	4 Cutter Suction	130.99	NW-1	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	November, 2027

	Dredgers				
8	3 sets of Tug-Barge Units	62.54	NW-1	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	April, 2028
	Sub Total	**465**			
Announcements					
1	Slipway Facility	50.00	NW-3	Kochi, Kerala	December, 2027
2	Approach Road	144.00	NW -2	Bogibeel, Assam	March, 2028
3	110 Jetties	496.00	NW-5, NW-22, NW-64 & NWs in NER	Odisha & North Eastern States	April, 2028
4	Cruise Terminal	70.00	NW-2	Uzzan Bazar, Assam	April, 2028
5	10 Hybrid Electric vessels	76.00	NW-49	Jammu & Kashmir	December, 2026
6	National River Traffic & Navigation System	64.00	NW-28	Maharashtra	March, 2027
	Sub Total	**900**			
	Grand Total	**1515**			

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