

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1090
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JAL MARG VIKAS PROJECT

1090. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) the current operational status of the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) in the country indicating the total volume of cargo transported across operational National Waterways in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilised for fairway development, channel marking and automated navigational aids on National Waterway-1 (NW-1) during the said period, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Intermodal Terminal at Kalughat in Saran district of Bihar is fully functional and if so, the details thereof including its container handling capacity and cumulative expenditure incurred on its construction;
- (d) whether the Government has sanctioned/completed community jetties under JMVP on NW-1 and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Bihar, district-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken steps to address seasonal draft variations and low Least Available Depth (LAD) on the Ganga river in Bihar and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SARBANANDA SONAWAL)

(a) The development of major infrastructure projects under the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) have been completed. The infrastructure created under JMVP are now operational and regular cargo/passenger transportation is taking place along National Waterway (NW)-1 . The details of cargo transported across operational NWs in the country during the last three years (State-wise) is given at **Annexure-I**.

(b) The details of funds allocated and utilized for fairway development, Channel stabilization & Navigational Aids on NW-1 in the last three years are as given below;

Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (unaudited)
Amount (Rs. in Crore)	251.23	203.65	247.45

(c) The construction of Inter Modal Terminal (IMT) Kalughat in Saran district of Bihar is completed. The terminal has been handed over to M/s Summit Alliance Gateway East (India) Private Limited on 31.10.2025 for operation and maintenance under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode. The terminal has an annual container handling capacity of 77,000 TEUs developed to facilitate transportation of containerized cargo through NW-1. The total expenditure incurred on the construction of the terminal is Rs.87.13 crore.

(d) Yes. Under JMVP, the Government has sanctioned and completed the development of 60 Community Jetties to provide safe and efficient riverine access for hinterland communities and facilitate the movement of local passengers, transportation of trade goods and agricultural produce etc. Out of the 60 Community Jetties, 15 have been developed in Uttar Pradesh, 21 in Bihar, 2 in Jharkhand, and 22 in West Bengal. The State-wise details including Bihar district-wise is given at **Annexure-II**.

(e) Yes. The Government has taken several measures to address seasonal draft variations and effectively maintaining the required Least Available Depth (LAD) for safe and efficient navigation of Inland Water Transport (IWT), which include fairway development and river conservancy works consisting of maintenance dredging, river training works, regular hydrographic surveys, channel marking and bank protection measures etc. In Bihar the various fairway development interventions are ongoing along stretches of Farakka–Kahalgaon, Sultanganj–Mahenderpur–Barh, Barh–Digha, Digha–Majhaua and Kalughat Access Channel.

Annexure-I

(Cargo in Million Metric Ton)

National Waterways (NW)	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
NW-1 (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia-Allahabad)) in U.P., Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	12.82	16.38	84.78
NW-2 (Brahmaputra River (Dhubri-Sadiya)) in Assam	0.59	0.90	1.29
NW-3 (West Coast Canal) in Kerala	3.29	3.49	4.04
NW-4 (Krishna Godavari River Systems) in Andhra Pradesh	4.30	10.40	5.71
NW-5 (East Coast Canal And Matai River/Brahmani-Kharsua-Dhamra Rivers/Mahanadi Delta Rivers) in Odisha	0.64	0.38	0.66
NW-8 (Alappuzha-Changanassery Canal) in Kerala	0.04	0.04	0.04
NW-9 (Alappuzha-Kottayam Athirampuzha Canal) in Kerala	0.02	0.03	0.03
NW-14 (Baitarni River) in Odisha	0.00	-	0.03
NW-16 (Barak River) in Assam	0.00	0.18	0.27
NW-23 (Budha Balanga) in Odisha	0.02	0.02	0.02
NW-27 (Cumberjua River) in Goa	-	-	0.36
NW-31 (Dhansiri/Chathe) in Assam	0.01	0.00	0.00
NW-44 (Ichamati River) in West Bengal	0.48	0.49	0.49
NW-47 (Jalangi River) in West Bengal	-	-	0.11
NW-48 (Jawai-Luni-Rann of Kutch River) in Gujarat	-	2.40	2.58
NW-53 (Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai Waterway, Vasai Creek And Ulhas River) in Maharashtra	-	2.70	3.23
NW-57 (Kopili River) in Assam	-	-	0.00
NW-64 (Mahanadi River) in Odisha	0.67	0.40	0.47
NW-86 (Rupnarayan River) in West Bengal	0.10	0.14	0.18
NW-94 (Sone River) in Bihar	1.16	0.97	0.05
NW-97 (Sunderbans Waterway) in West Bengal	5.19	5.98	6.36
Sub Total (National Waterways 1,2,3,4,5,16,44,64,86,94,&97)	29.34	44.91	110.70
Maharashtra Waterways		-	
NW-10 (Amba River)	30.17	29.69	31.07
NW-83 (Rajpuri Creek)	0.45	0.27	0.28

NW-85 (Revadanda Creek-Kundalika River System)	0.99	0.82	0.26
NW-91 (Shastri River - Jaigad Creek System)	37.05	32.64	34.41
TOTAL Maharashtra Waterways	68.66	63.41	66.02
Goa Waterways		-	
NW-68 (Mandovi River)	2.42	2.84	5.13
NW-111 (Zuari River)	1.10	1.32	1.57
TOTAL Goa Waterways	3.52	4.16	6.70
Gujarat Waterways		-	
NW-73 (Narmada River)	0.06	0.06	0.06
NW-100 (Tapi River)	31.46	33.31	34.75
TOTAL Gujarat Waterways	31.51	33.36	34.81
Grand Total Million Tonnes	133.03	145.84	218.24
Year on Year Traffic Growth(%)	5.45	9.63	49.64

a) List of Community Jetties in Bihar

S. No.	Jetty Location	District
1	Manihari	Katihar
2	Tintanga	Bhagalpur
3	Kehelgaon	Bhagalpur
4	AguaniGhat	Patna
5	Munger	Munger
6	Sultanganj	Bhagalpur
7	Digha	Patna
8	Khawaspur	Bhojpur
9	KacchiDargah	Patna
10	Mohanpur	Patna
11	RaghopurDiara	Patna
12	NaktaDiara	Patna
13	Nasiriganj	Patna
14	Panapur	Saran
15	Barh	Patna
16	Buxar	Buxar
17	MahuliGhat	Bhojpur
18	Karagola	Katihar
19	Bateswarsthan	Bhagalpur
20	Doriganj	Saran
21	Simariya	Begusarai

b) List of Community Jetties in Uttar Pradesh

S. No.	Jetty Location	District
1	Ramnagar	Varanasi
2	Raj ghat	Varanasi
3	Kaithy	Varanasi
4	Baluaghat	Chaundauli
5	Saidpur	Ghazipur
6	Chochakpur	Ghazipur
7	Zamania	Ghazipur
8	Collector ghat	Ghazipur
9	Ujiyarghat (Bharauli)	Baliya
10	Majhaua	Baliya
11	Ravidasghat	Varanasi
12	Ravidasghat (Shifted from SamneGhat)	Varanasi
13	Saraikota	Ballia
14	Dungurpur	Ghazipur
15	Kanspur	Ballia

c) List of Community Jetties in Jharkhand

S. No.	Jetty Location	District
1	Rajmahal (Manglaghat)	Sahibganj
2	Samdaghat	Sahibganj

d) List of Community Jetties in West Bengal

S. No.	Jetty Location	District
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1	Dainhat	PurbaBardhaman
2	Matiary	PurbaBardhaman
3	Sankhai	PurbaBardhaman
4	Sathiati	PurbaBardhaman
5	Agardwip (Ghazipur site)	Nadia
6	Agradip (Agradip site)	Nadia
7	Ghoriapara-1	Nadia
8	Ghoriapara-2	Nadia
9	Talatala	Nadia
10	Fakirdanga	Malda
11	Maniknagar	Malda
12	Maganpara	Nadia
13	Narkelbaria	Nadia
14	Plassey (Palasi)	Nadia
15	Ramnagar (WB)	Nadia
16	Lalbagh Court Ghat	Murshidabad
17	SadarGhat	Murshidabad
18	Berhampore (Gopal Ghat)	Murshidabad
19	Berhampore (Khagra Ghat)	Murshidabad
20	Saptarishi Ghat	Hooghly
21	Majherchar	Hooghly
22	Shantipur Ghat	Nadia
