

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1547
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023

PROMOTING PASSENGER FERRY SERVICE

1547. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

Will the MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government is promoting roll-on/roll-off passenger (RO-Pax) ferry services as a fast and sustainable mode of transport;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of locations where RO-Pax jetties have been developed; and
- (d) whether the Government has plans in place for further development of such ferries in the future and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, to introduce modern urban Ro-Ro/Ro-PAX (Roll on Roll off and Passenger) vessels as a mode of Inland Waterways Transport (IWT), the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) have engaged into cooperation with State Governments. The details is at **Annex-I**. Besides, under the Sagarmala Scheme, the Government has undertaken 50 projects of worth Rs. 1972 Cr. to promote Ro-Ro/ Ro-Pax/ Passenger ferry urban water transportation services in country, of which 10 projects worth Rs. 557 Cr. have already been completed.

(c) The detail of locations where Ro-Ro/ Ro-Pax jetties/terminals developed is at **Annex.II**.

(d) Apart from the facts mentioned in reply to point (a) & (b) above, development of Ro-Ro/Ro-Pax/Ferries and Ro-Ro terminals at following 10 locations (5 pairs) has been included under Arth Ganga Programme in Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP):-

- Kahalgaon (Bihar) - Tintanga (Bihar)
- Bakhtiyarpur (Bihar) - Hasanpur (Bihar)
- Buxar (Bihar) - Saraikota (Uttar Pradesh)
- Samdaghat (Jharkhand) - Manihari (Bihar)
- Rajmahal (Jharkhand) - Manikchak (West Bengal)

Annex.-I

S.No.	Name of State	No. of Vessels deployed/handed over	Month in which MoU signed with State Government
1.	Assam	Four	September, 2021
2.	Kerala	Two	October, 2020
3.	Odisha	One	April, 2021
4.	Uttar Pradesh	Two	November, 2020

The details of locations where Ro-Ro/ Ro-Pax jetties/terminals developed –

Development on National Waterways	
National Waterway-2	
Location	Jetty/ Terminal
Dhubri (Assam)	Roll on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) RCC Jetty - (Length – 186 m, Width – 15.6 m)
National Waterway-3	
Bolgatty (Kerala)	Roll on-Roll off/Lift off-Lift on (Ro-Ro/Lo-Lo) landing point
Willingdon Island (Kerala)	Roll on-Roll off/Lift off-Lift on (Ro-Ro/Lo-Lo) landing point
Under Sagarmala Scheme	
Belapur, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra	Ro-Pax Jetty
Bhayander, Maharashtra	Ro-Pax Jetty
Narangi, Maharashtra	Ro-Pax Jetty
Malvan-Sindhudurg, Maharashtra	Ro-Pax Jetty
Kanhoji Angre Island, Maharashtra	Ro-Pax Jetty
Mandwa, Maharashtra	Ro-Pax Jetty
Hazira, Gujarat	Ro-Pax Jetty
