

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3061**  
ANSWERED ON – 09/08/2024

**CONSTRUCTION OF ARTIFICIAL CANAL**

3061. SHRI UMMEDA RAM BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:  
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- (a) whether the Government is aware of the plan conceptualized to develop ports by constructing an artificial canal in Bakhasar of Barmer;
- (b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop the said port at the earliest;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the timeline fixed therefor; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) Yes. Govt. of Rajasthan has prepared pre-feasibility report on development of port at Bhawtara, near Bakhasar of Barmer and IWAI has prepared feasibility report of National Waterway-48. IWAI has approached National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways & Coasts (**NTCPWC**), IIT Madras for mathematical modelling of the waterway to assess the feasibility of navigation and development of the said port.

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