

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4366
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2000
SETTING UP INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Inland Waterways Authority of India was set up a few years back in the country;
- (b) if so, the date on which it was set up and the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether the possibilities of using waterways were explored by this institute;
- (d) if so, the number of waterways explored so far for use; and
- (e) the details of schemes formulated for the development and expansion thereof and the schemes out of these under implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- a) Yes, Sir.
- b) The Inland Waterways Authority of India was set up on 27th October, 1986 for the development and regulation of inland waterways for the purposes of shipping and navigation and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
- c) Yes, Sir.
- d) Three waterways, namely the Ganga from Allahabad to Haldia, the Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya and the West Coast canal from Kollam to Kottapuram alongwith Champakara and Udyogmandal canals, declared as National Waterways, have been explored for use.
- e) Various schemes have been formulated for provision of fairway and other infrastructure in the said three National Waterway. A list of projects under implementation is given at Encl-1.

ENCL-1

LIST OF ONGOING SCHEMES FOR THREE NATIONAL WATERWAYS

Sl.No. NAME OF THE PROJECT/SCHEME

NATIONAL WATERWAYS NO. 1-

A Projects under implementation

1. Annual fairway improvement/river conservancy works
2. Acquisition of Hydraulic Surface Dredger
3. 24 hrs. Navigational aids in Calcutta-Farakka sector
4. Terminal at Gaihat Patna
5. Terminal facilities between Haldia and Patna (GR Jetty, Karagola & Ballia)
6. Infrastructural facilities between Patna and Allahabad (Terminals).
- 7 Terminal maintenance
8. Procurement of survey equipments.,

9. Repair of floating crafts
- B. Schemes formulated
10. River training works
11. 24 hrs. Navigational aids in Farakka-Patna Sector
12. Acquisition of cutter suction dredgers & survey vessels

NATIONAL WATERWAY NO.2

- A. Projects under implementation
13. Annual fairway improvement /river conservancy works
14. Acquisition of Hydraulic Surface Dredger
15. 24 hrs. Navigational aids in Dhubri-Guwahti sector
16. Floating terminals
17. Terminal maintenance
18. Procurement of survey equipments
19. Procurement of survey vessel

B. Schemes formulated

- 20 Terminal at Pandu
- 21 24 hrs. Navigational aids in Guwahti-Dibrugarh Sector
- 22 Acquisition of cutter suction dredgers
- 23 Acquisition of new survey vessels

NATIONAL WATERWAY NO.3

- A. Project under implementation
24. Annual maintenance activities
25. Capital dredging including land acquisition
26. Land acquisition for terminals
27. Construction of terminals
28. Construction of maintenance of locks
29. Acquisition of survey vessel (completed)
30. Procurement of survey equipments
31. 24 hrs. Navigational aids
32. Bank Protection