

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GOODS/CARGO SERVICE FROM HALDIA TO ALLAHABAD
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the waterway from Haldia port to Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh has been opened for ships for ferrying goods/ cargo on commercial basis ;
- (b) if so, the items which are being shipped on this waterway route;
- (c) the names of other waterways which are under consideration to be opened ;
- (d) the total expenditure likely to be incurred in this scheme;
- (e) whether there is any scheme to attract tourists on this route via Haldia to Allahabad; and
- (f) if so, the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) The Haldia-Calcutta-Patna stretch of NW-1 is open for navigation for passenger and goods traffic by vessels upto 1.8 m draft for about 330 days in a year. Action has been initiated to provide the waterway in Patna-Allahabad reach for vessels with 1.8 m draft for operation of 300-330 days in a year.

(b) The items which are transported on National Waterway No.1, include cement, jute bags , silica sands, coal/coke, fertilizers, over dimensional cargo etc.

(c) The National Transport Policy Committee have identified following ten waterways having potential for development and declaration as National Waterway

1. Ganga-Bhagirathi -Hooghly river system
2. The Brahmaputra
3. The West Coast Canal
4. The Sunderbans
5. The Godavari
6. The Krishna
7. The Mahanadi
8. The Narmada
9. The Mandovi, Zuari rivers and Cumberjua Canal in Goa
10. The Tapi

Besides these techno-economic feasibility studies have also been conducted on Barak River, East Coast Canal, DVC Canal and Kakinada-Mercanum Canal which indicated that these waterways have the potential for development of inland water transport.

Three waterways namely the Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad (1620 km), the Brahmaputra from Sadiya to Dhubri (891 km) and West Coast Canal including Champakara and Udyogamandal canals (205 km) have already been declared as National Waterways and are

in the process of development by providing infrastructural facilities; such as navigational channel, terminals and navigational aids subject to availability of resources.

The declaration of other waterways as National Waterways and thereby undertaking development thereof by IWA I will depend on availability of resources.

(d) The development of National Waterways is a continuous process and carried out by IWA I through various Plan Schemes. The outlays for the development of 3 three National Waterways provided in the 9th Five Year Plan is to the tune of Rs.264 crore.

(e) Waterway once developed with adequate depth can be used for cargo, passenger transportation as also for tourism purpose. At present, there has been no specific scheme with IWA I in regard to attracting tourists on Ganga between Haldia and Allahabad .

(f) Does not arise.