

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATER TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN A.P.
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any plans to develop Inland Water Transport System in the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to curtail the losses of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Inland Waterways Authority of India have conducted techno-economic feasibility study for integrated canal system between Kakinada and Mercaunum in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu which include Kakinada canal, Eluru Canal, Commamur Canal, North Buckingham canal alongwith parts of Godavari and Krishna rivers. As per the study conducted, this integrated waterway system is viable for IWT development. However, declaration of the waterway system as a National Waterway and subsequent development thereof depends upon the availability of funds.

(c) M/s A.F. Ferguson & Co., a management consultant, identified the reasons for losses incurred by CIWTC as unremunerative routes, low productivity, grossly inflated staff level etc. The rehabilitation package of CIWTC, which is in hand, inter-alia, envisages phasing of unproductive activities, rationalisation of manpower, strengthening the viable activities and cutting of transition period by providing night navigational facilities etc.