

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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NAVIGABLE SERVICE BY IWA IN GANGA
MD ANWARUL HAQUE;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;SUKDEO PASWAN

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Inland Waterway Authority of India has not been able to make Ganga Navigable as yet;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government propose to associate the State Governments in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which this project is likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) 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 draft for operation of 300-330 days in a year.

(c) & (d) The development of National Waterway is the responsibility of the Central Government through Inland Waterways Authority of India. While executing various developmental works, assistance of state governments is taken based on the specific requirements.