

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3916

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DEVELOPMENT OF NAVIGATION CANAL FROM MAHE TO VALAPATANAM RIVER

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the present position regarding the project for navigation canal from Mahe river to Valapatanam river of west coast canal in Kerala pending with the Union Government ; and

(b) the target date fixed for completion of the project?

Answer

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

(a) The proposal for construction of navigation canal between Mahe river to Valapatanam river, received from Govt. of Kerala, was examined in consultation with Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA) and it was found to be deficient in regard to cargo projection, phasing of expenditure, implementation schedule, IRR calculation, basis for estimates, availability of matching funds from State Govt. etc. These are necessarily required for sanctioning a project. As such, the proposal was not approved and the State Govt. was advised to submit a revised proposal. Revised proposal has not so far been received from the State Government.

(b) Does not arise.