

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4019  
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PROPOSAL FOR NATIONAL WATERWAYS IN KERALA  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have received any proposal to start and expand National Waterways in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard including the funds sanctioned therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) : A Scheme for development of Kotti-Kottapuram (35.40 Kms.) stretch as received from Government of Kerala has already been sanctioned under Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The total cost of the Scheme is Rs.321.21 lakhs, which is to be shared on 50:50 basis by the Central and State Governments. Moreover, the West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam including Champakara and Udyogamandal canals has been declared as National Waterway in February, 1993. Techno-economic Feasibility studies for the waterway between Kottapuram to Kasergode in North and Kollam to Kovalam in south have also been completed and their declaration as National Waterway would be subject to availability of funds.