

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4035
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DECLARATION OF WEST COAST CANAL AS NATIONAL WATERWAY
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any proposal from Tamil Nadu regarding restoration of the old A.V.M canal linking it up to Kovalam in Trivandrum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard;
- (c) the progress made in the feasibility studies for declaring the West Coast Canal as a National Waterway; and
- (d) the time by which the said projects are likely to be taken up along with the estimated cost?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) The Kollam-Kottapuram stretch of the West Coast Canal alongwith Udyogmandal and Champakkarra Canal (total 205 kms) has already been declared as National Waterway No.3. The techno-economic feasibility studies for the Kottapuram-Kasargod stretch in the North and Kollam-Kovalam stretch in the South have been completed.Estimated project cost for fairway and terminals is Rs.471.25 Cr. and Rs.151.45 Cr., respectively. Besides, a techno-economic Feasibility study and hydrographic survey for the Kovalam-Kolachal (Tamil Nadu) stretch has also been awarded to M/s NATPAC.This study is in progress. Declaration of these stretches as National Waterway will depend upon availability of funds.