

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TEN MAJOR WATERWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ten major waterways were identified in 1980 for development by the National Transport Policy Committee;
- (b) if so, the details of the progress made till today;
- (c) whether the Government have received any report from FICCI in relation to expedite inland waterways projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Out of ten Major Waterways identified for declaration as National Waterways following three Waterways have so far been declared as National Waterways No.1,2 and 3:-

- (i) National Waterway No.1 - The Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system from Allahabad to Haldia (1620 kms);
- (ii) National Waterway No.2 : The Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya (891 kms); and
- (iii) National Waterway No.3 : The West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam alongwith Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals (205 kms).

The said National Waterways are being developed by IWAI by way of providing infrastructural facilities such as navigational aids, channels, terminals etc. subject to availability of funds. Techno-economic feasibility studies have been conducted on the remaining seven waterways, the declaration of which as National Waterways and subsequent development thereof will depend upon availability of funds.

(c) There were two seminars conducted by IWAI in collaboration with FICCI during 1996 and 1998. The theme of the seminars was to speed up the development of Inland Waterways projects. However, there has been no specific report from FICCI, in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.