

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1119  
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2001  
CANAL NETWORK IN ANDHRA PRADESH  
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Inland Waterways Authority of India has made any study of the canal network in the district of East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna and Guntur;
- (b) if so, the details of the potential of this canal network for Inland transport;
- (c) whether any proposal is under consideration in this regard;
- (d) whether the Inland Waterways Authority has approached the World Bank for the aid in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the response given by the World Bank?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) As per the Techno-Economic feasibility study conducted through M/s RITES, the integrated canal system between Kakinada and Mercaunam in Andhra Pradesh and Tamilnadu i.e. Kakinada Canal, Eluru canal, Commamur canal, north Buckingham canal and South Buckingham canal integrated with river Godavari from Cherla to Rajahmundry and Krishna river from Nagarjuna Sagar Dam to Vijaywada, has been found viable for IWT development. The total volume of traffic estimated to be handled by IWT is 6.41 million Tonnes by the year 2011-12.
- (c) The declaration of this waterway system as a National Waterway and subsequent development thereof would depend upon the availability of funds.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.