

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SURFACE TRANSPORT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:202  
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2000  
CONNECTION OF CANAL BOATWAY  
PON RADHAKRISHNAN

**Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the third National Waterways which was proposed to connect as a canal boatway from KOTTAPURAM ( Kerala)-QUILON Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu has been implemented;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to extend it upto Kanyakumari district; and
- (d) the time by which this canal boatway is likely to be linked with Coalachel harbour and thereafter to Kanyakumari?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) No, Sir. There was no proposal to connect Kottapuram (Kerala) and Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu through the third national waterway. Nevertheless Techno-economic feasibility study for extension of National Waterway -3 on the South side from Kollam to Kovalam through the existing canals has been completed. A study is also entrusted to assess the viability of reviving the old canal link south of Kovalam to Kolachal. Study for Kolachal -Kanyakumari stretch has not so far been undertaken. No definite time schedule at this stage can be indicated.