

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SURFACE TRANSPORT  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:320  
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2000  
PROJECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WATERWAYS  
SUKDEO PASWAN

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

- (a) whether the Government had prepared project reports to promote the use of waterways and for the development of these waterways in the country during the last many years;
- (b) if so, the names of the projects undertaken and the time by which these projects are to be completed;
- (c) the total amount spent on the construction of these projects as on March, 2000; and
- (d) the total amount required for the completion of such projects?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT ( SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

- (a) to
- (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.  
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART
- (a) to
- (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NUMBER 320 FOR 14.0.8.2000 ASKED BY SHRI SUKDEO PASWA REGARDING PROJECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF WATERWAYS
- (a) : Surveys and investigations have been carried out for the development maintenance and better utilization of the national waterways by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), constituted under the Inland Waterways Authority of India, Act, 1985.
- (b) : The following three national waterways have been taken up by IWAI for development:  
National Waterways No.1 (Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System-from Haldia to Allahabad)  
National Waterways No.2 (Brahmaputra River-from Dhubri to Sadiya)  
National Waterways No.3 (West Coast Canal-from Kollam to Kottampuram along with Champakkara and Udyogamandal canals)
- (c) to (d) An expenditure of Rs. 119 crores has been incurred for developing the said three national waterways. The estimated cost for completion of these projects envisaged by 9th Plan Working Group is Rs. 447 crores.