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Allocation for National Waterway-III

- 1314. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;
- (a) the total allocation of funds to the Kottappuram-Kollam National Waterway-III during the Eighth Five Year Plan:
 - (b) the amount actually spent for the said project;
- (c) the reasons for the non-expenditure of the funds allocated; and
- (d) the reasons for the inordinate delay in implementing the developmental works of the said waterway?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Rs. 10.50 crores.

- (b) The amount actually spent for the project upto October. 1996 is Rs. 3.07 crores.
- (c) The Waterway was declared as National Waterway at the close of the financial year, 1992-93 (February, 1993). The year 1993-94 was the first year of National Waterway during which preliminary steps

such as setting up of necessary organisation and field investigations for developmental plans were taken up. The expenditure during subsequent two years is 89% and 97% of allocation respectively. The current year's allocation for Rs. 4 crores has also expected to be fully utilised.

(d) the substantial work like capital dredging for widening on canals, meeting up of terminals, land acquisition etc. can be implemented only after necessary environmental clearances are obtained. Environmental Impact Assessment/Environmental Management Plan studies for NW-3 have now been completed and submitted to the competent authority for clearance.

Navigation Programme

- 1315. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:
- (a) the rivers in the country for which inland navigation programme has been undertaken during the last three years:
- (b) the extent of progress made for each river and the amount spent on them separately; and
- (c) the rivers for which inland navigation programme would be undertaken during the next three-four years?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) During the last three years, developmental activities have been carried out on three National Waterways i.e. Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system (NW1). the river Brahmaputra (NW2) and the West Coast Canal alongwith Champakara Canal and Udyogmandal Canal (NW 3).

- (b) The progress made in respect of the developmental activities carried out on these National Waterways is given below:
- NW-1: Fairway has been provided by carrying out conservancy works like bandalling, dredging, terminal facilities, etc. This waterway has been made navigable for vessels with draught upto 1.8M for about 300 days in a year between Haldia-Patna and round the year in Haldia-Farakka stretch. The amount spent for annual development works from 1993-94 to 1995-96 is Rs. 5.98 crores.
- **NW-2**: Fairway has been provided by carrying out conservancy works like bandalling, pilotage and terminal facilities, etc. The waterway is navigable for 1.8 m draught vessels between Dhubri and Pandu round the year. Vessels with 1 m draught can navigate up to Dibrugarh for 330 days. The amount spent from 1993-94 to 1995-96 is Rs. 2.36 crores.
- **NW-3**: The developmental activities like monitoring survey, detailed hydrographic survey of the enitre waterway, dredging, environmental study, etc. have been carried out. The expenditure incurred from 1993-94 to 1995-96 is Rs. 2.56 crores.