

- (iii) IDD Survey.
- (iv) Establishment of Iodine Deficiency Disorders Monitoring Laboratory.

National Waterways

1466. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Waterways declared in the country during last three years, years-wise;

(b) the steps taken and progress made so far to develop different waterways separately during the above period;

(c) the allocations of funds made during the last three years for different waterways and the quantum of funds out of it utilised so far, National Waterway-wise; and

(d) the number of river ports developed on those National Waterways?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Nil.

(b) National Waterway No. 1

Conservancy works such as bandalling, dredging, day channel marking Hydrographic surveys etc., are carried out on year to year basis between Haldia and Patna. Monitoring surveys are being carried out in Patna-Allahabad stretch. Floating terminals have been provided at Haldia, Bhagalpur, Munger and Patna and fixed terminals are currently at Calcutta, Pakur and Farakka. The stretches from Haldia to Farakka (560 kms) is navigable allround the year and Farakka to Patna (460 kms) for 300 days in a year with 2m least available depth (LAD). Stretch from Patna to Allahabad (600 kms) is navigable during Mansoon period only

National Waterway No. 2

River conservancy works such as day channel marking, bandalling, hydrographic surveys etc. are carried out on year to year basis in Dhubri-Dibrugarh Sector (768 kms.) Monitoring surveys are being carried out in Dibrugarh-Sadiya stretch. Floating terminals have been provided at Dhubri, Jogighopa and Pandu. Scheme for upgrading/providing floating terminals at Dhubri, Jogighopa, Tezpur, Neamati and Dibrugarh is under implementation. Least Available Depth (LAD) of 2 mtrs. in Dhubri-Heamati stretch (629 kms.) and more than 1.5 mtrs. in Neamati-Dibrugarh stretch (139 kms) is maintained for 300 days in a year. The stretch between Dibrugarh and Sadiya has less discharge and LAD for most part of the year remains around 1 mtr.

National Waterway No. 3

Maintenance dredging, day channel marking, hydrographic survey, repairs and maintenance of navigational locks are the activities being undertaken regularly. Champakara canal, Udyogmandal Canal and Kochi-Edapallikotta stretch of the West Coast Canal are presently being used by mechanised cargo vessels.

A scheme for land acquisition for widening of the canal

in narrow stretches and for setting up of terminals and another scheme for capital dredging are under process. Terminals are available at Udyogmandal, Ambalamugal, Kochi and Edapallikatta.

(c) Allocation and expenditure on National Waterways for the last three years is given below:-

	(Rs. in crores)		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
National Waterway No.1			
Allocation	1.25	1.00	1.00
Expenditure	1.25	1.80	2.15
National Waterway No. 2			
Allocation	1.25	1.00	1.00
Expenditure	0.75	0.73	0.63
National Waterway No. 3			
Allocation	3.00	1.00	1.00
Expenditure	0.70	0.89	0.97

(d) Floating terminals are available at Haldia, Calcutta, Pakur and Farakka on NH-1. Floating terminals are available at Dhubri, Jogighopa and Pandu on NW-2 and Udyogmandal, Ambalamugal, Kochi and Edapallikotta on NW-3.

[Translation]

Vacancies of Lecturers in Polytechnics

1467. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts of lecturer in interior decoration are vacant in many polytechnics for women in Delhi, particularly in Maharani Bagh;

(b) if so, the number out of them reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are lying vacant at present;

(c) the number of such posts filled up as on February 28, 1997; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to fill up all such posts reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Only one post of lecturer in Interior Decoration is vacant in the Meera Bai Polytechnic in Maharani Bagh. The post is reserved for scheduled Tribe.

(c) Four posts are filled as on 28.2.1997.

(d) U.P.S.C. has conducted interview on 26.2.1997 on a reference from the National Capital Region, Delhi.