

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW WATERWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to start some new waterways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details in regard to requirement, procedure of their selection and the expenditure to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the new waterways proposed for declaration as national waterways are as under:-

- (i) Kakinada-Pondicherry Canals along with rivers Godavari and Krishna (1095km).
- (ii) East Coast Canal along with river Brahmani and Mahanadi Delta (623 km)
- (iii) River Barak (140 km)

(c) The selection of new waterways for declaration as a National Waterway is done on the basis of techno-economic feasibility and the perceived potential of the waterway.

The preliminary estimated cost of development of three new waterways is Rs. 542 crore, Rs. 1526 crore and Rs. 46 crore respectively.