

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

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TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS BETWEEN ALLAHABAD AND HOOGLY

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

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government to introduce waterways for transportation of goods between Allahabad and Hoogly; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The river Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad has already been declared as a national waterway and basic infrastructural facilities such as navigational channel, terminals, navigational aids etc. are being provided for facilitating inland water transport. Floating terminals have been provided at Haldia, Kolkata, Karagola, Bhagalpur, Patna, Varanasi and Allahabad and permanent terminals at Haldia, Kolkata, Pakur and Farakka. Navigational aids for day navigation are also available. A fixed schedule cargo transportation service is also being operated between Haldia and Patna.