

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

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

- (a) The length of waterways declared as National Waterways in Kerala ;
- (b) The estimated amount proposed for the restoration of these waterways;
- (c) The amount allotted to Kerala by the Centre to undertake the work during the current financial year;
- (d) Whether any complaints have been received that the amount earmarked in the current year's budget is meagre;
- (e) If so, whether the Union Government is likely to allot sufficient funds to complete the works as early as possible; and
- (f) If so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) : The length of National Waterway in Kerala is 205 km .

(b) to (f) : The estimated cost of making this Waterway fully functional is Rs.76.95 crores. A provision of Rs.15.74 crores has been made for the year 2006-07. No complaint has been received regarding this year's budget provision for this Waterway. However, efforts will be made to provide adequate funds for the next financial year.