

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:305
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2004
DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar;Panda Shri Prabodh

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for the development of inland waterways in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard;
- (d) the total length of inland waterways in the country;
- (e) the length of inland waterways to be created during the Tenth Plan; and
- (f) the details of projects undertaken/ proposed to be undertaken for promoting inland waterways facilities in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 305 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2004, RAISED BY SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL AND SHRI PRABODH PANDA REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Three waterways namely river Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad (States of UP, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal), river Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya (Assam State) and West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam, along with Udyogmandal and Champakara Canals (Kerala State) have been declared as National Waterways. Accordingly, development works have been undertaken on these waterways. Besides, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme, 15 proposals of six States have been approved during the fiscal year 2003-04. Details are at Annex-I.

(d) Total length of navigable inland waterways is estimated to be 14,500 kms.

(e) Declaration of three new waterways as National Waterways totalling to 1858 kms. is under consideration.

(f) Fairway development and conservancy works have been undertaken on the National Waterways for providing navigable depth on the various stretches.

Terminals:-

(i) National Floating jetties have been provided at Haldia, Kolkata, Karagola, Waterway No.1:- Bhagalpur, Munger, Patna, Varanasi, Chunar and Allahabad and fixed concrete jetties have been provided at Kolkata, Farakka and Pakur.

Construction of permanent terminal at Patna is in progress and is likely to be made operational by March 2005.

(ii) National Floating jetties have been provided at Dhubri, Jogighopa, and Pandu. Waterway Five pontoons have been constructed for providing floating jetties at No.2:- different locations as per requirement.

Construction of permanent terminal at Pandu is in progress and it is expected that the terminal would be operational by 2005 end.

(iii) National Terminals at eleven locations are planned, of which construction in Waterway respect of terminals at Kottapuram, Aluva and Kayamkulam have been completed and work is in progress in respect of terminals at four other locations.

Navigational Aids:

National Waterway Day navigational marks have been provided and night navigational No.1:- facility has been provided between Tribeni and Farakka. Night Navigational facility on Farakka-Patna Stretch is planned to be provided by March 2005.

National Waterway Day navigational marks have been provided and night navigational No.2:- facility has been provided between Dhubri and Chandradingha. Night Navigational facility on Chandradingha-Guwahati Stretch is planned to be provided by March 2005.

National Waterway Day navigational marks have been provided in Udyogmandal and No.3:- Champakara Canals and also in Kochi-Allapuzha Stretch.

Annexe-1

Projects sanctioned under Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the financial year 2003-04

BE-2003-04 Provision-Rs. 2.00 Crore
RE-2003-04 Provision-Rs. 10.00 Crore
Actuals-2003-04 Rs.9.8539 Crore
BE-2004-05 Provision-Rs. 20.00 Crore

(Rupees in lakhs)

S.No	Name of the Scheme	State	Estimated cost	Amount released during 2003-04
1.	Construction of Gangway pontoon type floating jetties(53 nos.) and RCC slipway type jetty for LCT (4 nos.) in National Waterway No.1 between Tribeni and Farakka (F.No.-IW-14013/3/2003-IWT)	West Bengal	2261.50	452.00
2.	Preparation of DPR on waterways development and future development of IWT sector in the State of Orissa. (F.No.-IW-14013/ 6/2003-IWT)	Orissa	10.30	2.06
3.	Development of IWT Sector in the State of Orissa for upgradation of existing facilities. (F. No.-14013/10/2004-IWT)	Orissa	204.40	40.80

4. 'Preparation of detailed project report for river front development at Patna aimed at IWT based tourism' (F.No.-IW-14013/10/2003-IWT)	Bihar	25.00	5.00
5. 'Collection of hydromorphological data and preparation of detailed project report for development of IWT facilities in river Gandak' (F.No.-IW-14013/11/2003-IWT)	Bihar	30.00	5.00
6. 'Collection of hydromorphological data and preparation of detailed project report for development of IWT facilities in river Kosi' (F.No.-IW-14013/12/2003-IWT)	Bihar	30.00	6.00
7. 'Collection of hydromorphological data and preparation of detailed project report for development of IWT facilities in river Sone' (F.No.-IW-14013/13/2003-IWT)	Bihar	30.00	5.00
8. 'Techno-economic feasibility study/ survey for development of IWT in Karnataka' (F.No.-IW-14013/12/2004-IWT)	Karna- taka	56.70	11.34
9. Development of IWT in Godawari river near Vishnupuri, Maharashtra. (F.No.IW/14013/9/2002-IWT)	Mahar- ashtra	272.21	48.99
10. Development of IWT from South Mumbai to Mandwa (Amba river /Dharmatar Creek) & vice versa in Maharashtra (F.No.IW-14013/1/2004-IWT)	Mahar- ashtra	410.95	82.00
11. Development of IWT from South Mumbai to Karanja (Amba river / Dharmatar Creek) and vice versa in Maharashtra. (F.No.IW-14013/2/2004-IWT)	Mahar- ashtra	481.54	96.00
12. Development of IWT in Mhasla/Mandad river (Rajpuri Creek) at Rajpuri in Maharashtra. (F.No.IW-14013/3/2004-IWT)	Mahar- ashtra	469.45	93.00
13. Development of Inland Waterways in Mhasla/Mandad river (Rajpuri Creek) near Janjira Fort in Maharashtra (F.No.IW-14013/7/2004-IWT)	Mahar- ashtra	124.60	16.20
14. Terminal facility at north bank of river Brahmaputra (F.No. IW-14013/8/2004-IWT)	Assam	260.40	52.00
15. Terminal facility at south bank of river Brahmaputra (F.No. IW-14013/9/2004-IWT)	Assam	351.68	70.00

Total 5018.73 985.39