

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:295

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DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS

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

- (a) the details of the proposals for the development/upgradation of inland waterways in the country during the 11th Five Year Plan alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose;
- (b) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard;
- (c) the length of inland waterways created during the Tenth Plan; and
- (d) the funds sanctioned for the purpose during 10th Plan and utilised therefrom?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 295 TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER 2007 RAISED BY SHRI SUGRIB SINGH AND SHRI HANSRAJ G. AHIR REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS.

(a) & (b): In the Report of the Working Group on Shipping and Inland Water Transport (IWT) for 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12), several proposals have been suggested for the development of IWT sector in an integrated manner. These components are given in Annexure-I. For implementation of these proposals an outlay of Rs. 9,000 crore has been suggested by the Working Group. This includes Rs. 5,580 crore for Government Budgetary Support (GBS) and Rs3,420 crore of Extra Budgetary Resources (EBR). 11th Plan outlay for IWT sector will be known only after the said Plan is approved by the National Development Council

(c): During 10th Plan, no new National Waterway had been declared. However, various projects for development and maintenance of inland water transport infrastructure on the three National Waterways i.e. the Ganga, the Brahmaputra and the West Coast Canal (total length - 2716 km), were taken up.

(d): The approved budget (BE and RE) and the expenditure of IWAI during the 10th Plan is given below:

B.E : Rs.559.14 cr
R.E : Rs.496.27 cr
Expenditure (IWAI) : Rs.384.83 cr

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 295 TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH DECEMBER, 2007 RAISED BY SHRI SUGRIB SINGH AND SHRI HANSRAJ G. AHIR REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATERWAYS

The important components for development of IWT sector in the Report of the Working Group on Shipping and Inland Water Transport for 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12) are as under:

- i. Throughput oriented strategy
- ii. Quantum jump in public funding
- iii. Institutional Capacity Building of IWAI and State level Institutions
- iv. Organic integration of IWT and Coastal Shipping
- v. Composite transportation projects to be the mainstay
- vi. Improving Productivity
- vii. Coverage of National Waterways (NWS)
- viii. Setting up of a Committee to study Integrated Transport Planning
- ix. Connecting remote areas by adopting fish bone model & Development of State Waterways
- x. New Scheme for Unorganized Sector
- xi. Reaching threshold level of IWT development by Public investment during 11th Plan
- xii. Training on STCW 95 pattern & Network of Training Institutes
- xiii. Fleet Augmentation
- xiv. Brining about uniformity in legal regime for IWT operations
- xv. Promoting passenger transport on Rivers
- xvi. New emphasis on co-operation with Bangladesh
- xvii. Encouraging Modal Shift through close ended Incentives