

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

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

- (a) whether the survey work of exploring the possibility of inland navigation of ships and rivers like Ganga, Koshi, Gandak etc. in Bihar is being undertaken by Director, Inland Waterway Authority of India (IWAI);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the investment likely to be made for starting inland navigation of ships; and
- (d) the time by when it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Hydrographic surveys are carried out periodically by expansion of IWAI in the river Ganges which is a National Waterway. The surveys provide us data on river bed depth along the navigational channel in the river. IWAI is not doing any survey work in Kosi and Gandak rivers.

(c) & (d) IWAI is maintaining the fairway on the National Waterway and ships are already plying thereon.