

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2761
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WATERWAY SERVICES FROM BADARPUR TO KOLKATA
Suklabaidya Shri Lalit Mohan

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

- (a) whether the jetties on the waterway constructed in Karimganj on river Kushiara and Badarpur on the river Barak for waterway services from Badarpur-Kolkata-Badarpur are decaying because the services have not yet started on the waterway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to commence the waterway services between Badarpur and Kolkata;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which the aforesaid services is likely to commence?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (e): The terminals at Karimganj and Badarpur are located on the Barak river in the lower reaches of Assam. Badarpur terminal is situated in the stretch of river Barak which has been proposed to be declared as National Waterways (Lakhipur– Bhanga stretch of river Barak) under an Act of the Parliament.

It is further stated that Central Inland Water Transport Ltd.(CIWTC Ltd), a Public Sector undertaking under the Department of Shipping, has commenced regular cargo services between Kolkata/Badarpur since 2006. During the last three years following cargoes have been carried between Kolkata to Badarpur/ Karimganj:

Year	Quantity carried in Metric Tonnes
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2006-07	3692
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2007-08	7140
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2008-09	2700
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(till
November, 2008)

Total: 13,532 Metric Tonnes

The Badarpur terminal has also recently been modernized at a cost of Rs. 3.68 crore from the funds provided by the North East Council. However, the Badarpur terminal of the Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd. (CIWTC Ltd.) has been operational from the last three years.

So far as the Karimganj terminal of CIWTC Ltd. is concerned, it has been fully operational from the last many years and cargo has been moved from/ to Karimganj/ Bangladesh/ Kolkata.