

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:802  
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RENOVATION OF AVM CANAL  
Bellarmin Shri A.V.

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for renovation of the Anantha Victoria Marthanda Varma (AVM) canal in Kanyakumari District;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): A proposal has been received from Shri S. Jayapal, MLA along with a write-up titled Scientific opinion on Anantha Victoria Marthanda Varma (AVM) canal with a request that "the abandoned stretch of AVM Canal between Neerodi and Mandaikadu may be revived and water transportation between Ernakulam of Kerala to Kanyakumari of Tamilnadu may be restored".

(c): Pursuant to a techno-economic feasibility study, Government of India has decided that extension of NW-3 can be considered only after the existing National Waterway is fully developed.