

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WASTES IN VARKALA CANAL
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether requests have been received from various quarters for dredging and clearing the debris and wastes in the Varkala Canal (Thiruvananthapuram District in Kerala) so as to make the Varkala-Kappil-Kollam route navigable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the actions taken so far; and
- (c) the fund allocated and utilized for the development of National Waterway No. 3 from Kollam to Kottapuram since 1983, and the percentage of work completed so far ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MUKUL ROY)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Funds are released for development of all the National Waterways under Grants to IMAI (Plan) and not for NW-3 separately. An amount of Rs.130 crore (approx.) has been spent so far in development of National Waterway No. 3 i.e. West-Coast Canal between Kollam and Kottapuram along with Champakkara & Udyogamandal canals since its declaration in 1993. Development of NW-3 consists of (i) Development of navigable channel (ii) Provision of aids for navigation and (iii) Setting up of terminal facilities at important locations. As regards navigable channel, 88.29% of the channel has been developed. 100% progress has been made in providing 24 hours Navigational aids in the entire stretch of NW-3. 70% progress has been achieved in terms of construction of terminals.