

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING INLAND WATERWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total tonnage and nature of goods transported through inland waterways during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Central and the State Government have imposed any taxes or charges on such goods transport;
- (c) if so, the total amounts collected during the said years;
- (d) whether the Government is considering the promotion of inland waterways including waterways between Chennai and other areas as a viable means of mass transportation for both passenger and goods traffic to various places; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): The cargo transported through National Waterways 1, 2, 3 and Indo-Bangladesh Protocol routes during last three years and current financial year upto April 2012 is as under:

Year	Cargo transported (in lakh metric tonne)
2009-10	: 45.93
2010-11	: 49.21
2011-12	: 74.46 (Provisional)
2012-13	: 2.47 (Provisional)

(For April,
2012 only)

Cargoes transported through these waterways include cement, wooden logs, packed and bulk edible oil, POL, stone chips, iron & steel, food grains, coal, plant & machineries, diesel, chemicals, water, lime shell and over dimensional cargoes, etc.

(b): IWA levies waterway usage charges for movement of vessels, vessel related charges for berthing, towage & pilotage, terminal and storage charges for cargo, composite charges for over dimensional cargo movement and miscellaneous charges for cargo handling facilities, bunkering, etc.

(c): The total amount collected by way of levies during last three years in National Waterways 1, 2, 3 and Indo-Bangladesh Protocol routes are as under:

Year	Amount collected
2009-10	: Rs. 71.30 lakh
2010-11	: Rs. 185.87 lakh
2011-12	: Rs. 431.92 lakh (Provisional)
2012-13	: Rs. 9.51 lakh (Provisional)

(For April,
2012)

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. The Government is taking steps to develop inland water transport

(IWT) mode by declaring potential waterways as National Waterways (NWs) and developing IWT infrastructure thereon. In this process five waterways totaling about 4382 km. have been declared as NWs. Commercially viable stretches such as Kakinada-Puducherry canals, Bhadrachalam-Rajahmundry, Rajahmundry-Eluru on National

Waterway 4 have been considered for development under PPP mode in Phase-I. Development of remaining stretches including North-Buckingham canal (between Pedaganjam and Chennai) and South Buckingham canal (between Chennai and Markanam) are to be taken up in Phase-II.