

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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INLAND FERRY OPERATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of present Inland ferry operations in India and the number of people utilizing the ferry services;
- (b) whether feasibility studies are being conducted for new waterways in various rivers like Ganga, Yamuna, Godavari, Krishna, Mandvi etc;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of applications received by the Government for establishing new waterways alongwith the current status of the applications; and
- (e) the norms for Inland waterway in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a): Inland ferry operation is a State subject and, therefore, the Central Government does not maintain the details of the same.
- (b) & (c): Ganga (Allahabad-Haldia stretch), Krishna (Wazirabad-Vijayawada stretch) and Godavari (Bhadrachalam-Rajahmundry stretch) are already declared as National Waterways. Preparation of a detailed project report is underway for Mandovi River. No study is being conducted for Yamuna River.
- (d): No such applications have been received.
- (e): Inland Waterways Authority of India has notified Inland Waterways Authority of India (Classification of Inland Waterways in India) Regulation, 2006 vide gazette notification dated 26-01-2007. As per this notification, inland waterways have been classified into seven classes depending on various characteristics of waterways namely depth, width, bend radius of the navigable channel, etc.