

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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SHARE OF IWT

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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

(a) the share of Inland Water Transport (IWT) in domestic surface transport as compared to that of road and rail; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to develop IWT in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per the Report prepared by RITES Ltd. in the year 2009 titled "Total Transport System study on Traffic Flows & Modal Costs", the share of Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the total domestic transport during 2007-08 was 0.24 % compared to 50.12 % for the road and 36.06 % for the rail sector in terms of tonne km.

(b): The development and regulation of the waterways which are declared as National Waterways are under the purview of Central Government, while the other waterways remain under the purview of the respective State Governments. The Government has been taking various steps to develop IWT which, inter-alia, includes ensuring targeted depth and width in the navigational channels, aids for day and night navigation, fixed/floating terminals at specified locations for berthing and loading/unloading of vessels and intermodal connectivity at select locations. Besides these, Central Government also provides 100 % Grants-in-aid to the States in the North-Eastern Region for development of IWT.