

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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INLAND WATER PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for development of all the inland water ports in the country including those in Gujarat in view of their present conditions;
- (b) if so, the details of action plan chalked out and the amount to be invested, port-wise and enhanced capacity of the ports;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): The development of inland water ports/terminals on National Waterways come under the purview of the Central Government whereas the development of inland water ports/terminals on other waterways come under the purview of the respective State Governments. Since there is no National Waterway (NW) in the State of Gujarat, the Central Government does not have any Action Plan to develop any inland water port in Gujarat.

(b) to (d): Out of the five National Waterways, the development work is being carried out only on NW-1, 2 & 3, which includes development of inland water ports/terminals. The commercial viable stretches of NW-4 & 5 are proposed to be developed under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode with Viability Gap Funding (VGF).

On NW-1 and 2, both permanent as well as temporary terminals have been constructed keeping in view large fluctuation in water level between summer and monsoon months. The permanent terminals have fixed RCC jetty and shore facilities whereas temporary terminals provide berthing facilities using floating pontoons. The floating pontoon can be shifted to any location depending on demand. NW-3 being a tidal water way with less water level fluctuation, has only fixed terminals.

A list of existing as well as planned terminals on the five National Waterway is enclosed at Annexure-1. Funds allocated for development and maintenance of terminals on NW-1, NW-2, and NW-3 during 2012-13 is at Annexure-2.

Annexure-1

List of Terminals on National Waterways

Waterway Location and Type

NW-1 (i) Fixed

Existing: Patna (Low level and high level)

Planned/under implementation: GR Jetty (Kolkata) and Varanasi.

(ii) Floating

Existing: Haldia, Kolkata (BISN, Botanical Garden), Shantipur, Katwa, Farakka (NTPC), Rajmahal, Sahibganj, Bateswarsthan, Bhagalpur, Munger, Semaria, Buxar, Ghazipur, Varanasi & Allahabad.

NW-2 (i) Fixed

Existing- Low level jetty at Pandu

Planned/ under implementation: High level jetty at Pandu, terminals at Dhubri and Phulbari (Hatsingimari)

(ii) Floating

Existing: Dhubri, Jogighopa, Tezpur, Silghat, Neamati, Panbari, Matmara, Sengajan, Oriyamghat and Oakland
Planned/ under implementation: Oriyamghat

NW-3 Fixed terminals

Existing: Kayamkulam, Trikkunnappuzha, Vaikkom, Aluva, Kottapuram, Thaneermukam, Maradu and Kollam, Bolghatty & Willingdon island.

Planned/under implementation: Alaphuzha

NW-4 Fixed terminals (Planned)

Bhadrachalam, Rajahmundry, Wazirabad, Muktiyala, Vijayawada, Eluru, Tadepaligundam, Kakinada, Kottapatnam, Maipadu, Durgarajapatnam, Ennore (South), Muthukadu, Markanam and Puducherry

NW-5 Fixed terminals (Planned)

Talcher, Dhamra, Paradip, Balasore, Jenapur, Geonkhali and Nasirabad

Annexure-2

Funds allocated for development and maintenance of terminals on NW-1, NW-2 and NW-3 during 2012-13.

Sr.No Terminal Funds Allocated in 2012-13
(Rs. in Crores)

A NW-1

1. Construction of RCC jetty at Kolkata (GR Jetty)	10.00
2. Construction of Terminal at Patna (High level)	1.00
3. Construction of Terminal at Varanasi	1.00
4. Construction of Terminal at Allahabad	1.00
5. Construction of RCC jetty at Haldia	5.00
6. O & M of terminals between Haldia & Rajmahal	3.00
7 O & M of terminals between Rajmahal & Allahabad	2.00
Sub Total (A)	23.00

B NW-2

1. High level jetty at Pandu	1.00
2. Alternative road to Pandu terminal and Railway siding	6.00
3. Developmental work at Pandu (internal road, drainage, etc)	0.10
4. Terminal at Jogighopa	1.00
5. Operation of existing terminals	1.50

6. New terminal at Dhubri 2.00

7 Construction of terminals at Sadiya and other locations (Viswanathghat, Tejpur, Phulbari / Hathimarisinghi, Oriumghat etc.) 3.00

Sub Total (B) 14.60

C NW-3

1. Construction of 8 Terminals on NW-3 2.00

2. Construction of terminal at Alapuzha 1.00

3. O & M of terminals. 2.50

Sub Total (C) 5.50

Grand Total (A+B+C) 43.10