

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:650  
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MODERNISATION OF BUCKINGHAM CANAL WATERWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

the details and present status of the modernisation of the Buckingham canal under the National waterways 4 – Bhadrachalam, Rajahmundry, Wazirabad, Vijayawada stretch of the Krishna-Godawari River System along with the Kakinada Pondicherry Canal network with a total length of 1,095 KMs?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

As advised by the Planning Commission, efforts to develop more commercially viable stretches of NW-4 under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode with Viability Gap Funding (VGF) have been initiated. It was decided to develop the Stretches of Godavari river from Bhadrachalam to Rajahmundry (171 km), Kakinada canal between Rajahmundry and Kakinada (50 km) and Godavari Eluru canal from Rajahmundry to Eluru (74 km) under Phase-I. In this regard a proposal was submitted to the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) for engaging transaction adviser (consultant) for preparing and processing PPP projects under their scheme of India Infrastructure Project Development Fund (IIPDF) and PPP Pilot Project Initiative under the Asian Development Bank's (ADB's) Technical Assistance. ADB has appointed a transaction advisor (M/s Grant Thornton) in March, 2012. M/s Grant Thornton is required to prepare a Report containing economic analysis, revalidation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and costing by mid January, 2013.