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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Inland Water Transport Authority (IWTA) of India has its headquarters at NOIDA while it has no branch office in the entire eastern region;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the time-frame within which the said branch office would be opened;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal for the development of waterways under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode with the Asian Development Bank; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Head Office of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is located at NOIDA (Uttar Pradesh). In eastern region of the country, the field offices of IWAI are located at Varanasi and Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh, Patna and Bhagalpur in Bihar, Farakka, Swaroopganj, Kolkata and Haldia in West Bengal and Pandu and Dibrugarh in Assam.

(c) & (d): Commercially viable stretches of National Waterways-4 & 5 are proposed to be developed under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode with Viability Gap Funding (VGF). Accordingly, Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) under India Infrastructure Project Development Fund (IIPDF) scheme and PPP Pilot Project initiative through Asian Development Bank (ADB) have appointed a consultant for reviewing the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and formulating PPP projects. The consultant will also be associated with processing of the bid and selection of the concessionaire for developing the commercially viable stretches of NW-4 & 5 under PPP with VGF.