

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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. TRANSPORT SUBSIDY SCHEME
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include Inland Water Transport under the transport subsidy scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which the proposal is likely to benefit the industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Inland Water Transport (IWT) is already included under the Transport Subsidy Scheme (TSS), 1971.

(b): Further, a clarification has been issued by this Department in September, 2012 clarifying that an industrial unit, located in North Eastern Region (NER) will be eligible for subsidy equivalent to 90% of the transport cost for transportation by IWT from Dhubri to any other location on the Brahmaputra river right up to Sadiya along the National Waterway-2 and thereafter by road to the manufacturing unit and vice-versa, in respect of raw materials which are brought into and finished goods which are taken out of NER subject to provisions of Transport Subsidy Scheme, 1971.

(c): Inland Water Transport is likely to reduce costs and time taken for transportation of raw material and finished goods and thus improve the competitiveness of industry in North East.