

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:471

ANSWERED ON:29.04.2013

INLAND WATERWAYS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the rivers and canals identified for inland navigation in the country including Kerala;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to extend the waterways from Kottapuram to Kollam upto Kulachal;
- (c) whether the stretch of river Ganga from Farakka to Allahabad has also been declared as national waterways;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of measures taken by the Government to maintain the depth of water level required for the movement of vessels in the said waterways throughout the year?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 471 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH APRIL, 2013 RAISED BY SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN AND SHRI JAGADANAND SINGH REGARDING INLAND WATERWAYS.

(a): So far, five inland waterways totaling about 4382 Km have been declared as National Waterways (NWs) in the country. These NWs are:

(i) Ganga- Bhagirathi- Hooghly River system (Allahabad- Haldia- 1620 km) in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal as NW- 1.

(ii) River Brahmaputra (Dhubri- Sadiya- 891 km) in the state of Assam as NW- 2.

(iii) West Coast Canal (Kottapuram-Kollam) along with Udyogmandal and Champakara Canals- (205 km) in the State of Kerala as NW- 3.

(iv) Kakinada- Puducherry canals along with Godavari and Krishna rivers (1078 km) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry as NW- 4.

(iv) East Coast Canal integrated with Brahmani river and Mahanadi delta rivers (588 km) in the States of West Bengal and Odisha as NW- 5.

(b): Kottapuram to Kollam portion of West Coast Canal has already been declared as National Waterways No. 3. At present, there is no proposal to extend this National Waterway upto Kulachal.

(c)&(d): The stretch of the River Ganga from Farakka to Allahabad is part of the National Waterway-1 which was declared as National Waterway in 1986.

(e): Inland Waterways Authority of India undertakes various river conservancy works like dredging and bandalling to maintain targeted depth in the navigational channel of National Waterways for movement of vessels round the year.