

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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CARGO MOVEMENT THROUGH INLAND WATERWAYS

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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantity of cargo transported through inland waterways where origination and destination both lie within India during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any proposal to increase the use of inland waterways and coastal shipping for greater cargo shipment and other mode of transportation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the total funds sanctioned and utilised for the development of waterways in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (e) the other measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage the utilisation of coastal shipping and inland waterways for transportation and shipping of goods/cargos; and
- (f) the progress achieved in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (G.K. VASAN)

(a): The quantity of cargo transported during the last 3 years on National Waterways (NWs) where origin and destination both lie within India is as under:

Year    Cargo Moved  
(in Million Tonnes)

2010-11    3.42

2011-12    5.53

2012-13    4.51  
(Provisional)

(b) & (c):With a view to increase the use of Inland Waterways, the Government has so far declared 5 Waterways as National Waterways (NWs). Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has been set up to develop and maintain the navigational channels with the required depth and width on the NWs. Steps have also been taken to identify specific cargo for their transportation on the inland waterways and through the coastal route by diverting them from the Road and Rail mode.

(d): The total plan funds sanctioned and utilized for development of NWs during the last 3 years is as under:

(Rs.in crore)

	Sanctioned RE (Plan)	Utilised
2010-11	137.59	134.09
2011-12	115.79	115.79
2012-13		144.41 144.12

(e) A Committee has been constituted to, inter-alia, formulate an incentive scheme for modal shift of cargo from rail/road to inland waterways/coastal shipping.

(f) NTPC has already awarded a contract for the transportation of 3 Million Tonnes of imported coal from Haldia to Farakka Super Thermal Power Plant through the National Waterway-I.