

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL WATERWAY PROJECT

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the works of national waterway 4 and 5 for connecting Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and between West Bengal and Odisha and also the Kollam- Kottapuram waterway project;
- (b) the time by which the above projects are likely to be completed;
- (c) whether the Government has received a report on tourism development through waterways in Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details of the said proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN)

(a) The commercially viable stretches of National Waterways (NW) 4 & 5 are proposed to be developed under Public Private Partnership (PPP). In the meanwhile, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has awarded the work for undertaking detailed hydrographic survey on the priority stretches of NW-4 and river portion of NW-5 to assess the latest hydro-morphological condition. Field survey works have been completed and preparation of report/ charts are in progress.

National Waterway-3 (Kollam- Kottapuram stretch of West Coast Canal along with Champakkara& Udyogamandal canals) is under development with a navigational channel of 32/ 38 m bottom width and 2 m depth. Out of the total length of 205 km, about 12 km length of channel in Thakazhy- Kollam stretch only remain to be dredged to the required depth/ width. Besides, 24 hrs navigational aids have been provided for the entire waterways. Eight IWT terminals and two Ro-Ro jetties are in operation. Construction of the ninth terminal at Alappuzha is in progress.

b) The capital dredging work in NW-3 and construction of terminal at Alappuzha are likely to be completed by March, 2014 subject to settlement of the local issues with the help of State Government of Kerala.

c) Tourism Department of Government of Kerala has informed that no report on tourism development through waterways in Kerala has been sent to the Central Government.

d)Does not arise.