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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to establish regional office of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) at Bhubaneswar for better coordination of work in respect of National Waterway No. 5;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the National Waterways No. 5 project along with the present status thereof?

Answer

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

- (a)to(c): Opening of an office at a suitable location will be considered at appropriate time before commencement of development works in National Waterways (NW)-5.
- (d): A Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the development of NW-5 has been prepared and commercially viable stretches identified. Detailed hydrographic survey to assess the hydro-morphological conditions of the identified stretches has also been completed. Efforts are being made to develop the viable stretches of NW-5 through Public Private Partnership (PPP).