

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1649
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GANGA WATERWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the proposed Ganga Waterway Project along with the funds allocated;
- (b) whether any concern has been raised by any quarter with regard to impact of Ganga Waterway Project on river's ecosystem; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

- (a) The 'Jal Marg Vikas Project' at an estimate cost of Rs. 4200 crore will enable navigation of atleast 1500 tonne vessels on River Ganga between Allahabad to Haldia.
- (b)&(c):The 'Jal Marg Vikas Project' includes Environment and Social Impact Assessment as well as Environmental Management programme on River Ganga. The Project will help in maintaining the aquatic life, bio-diversity, pisciculture etc. in the River Ganga.