

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1652
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DREDGING OF GANGA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to dredge the River Ganga to enable transport of passengers and goods from Varanasi to Hooghly, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented and extent to which this proposal would benefit the exchequer in the long run;
- (c) whether there are certain other proposals under consideration of the Government in respect of other rivers in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Ganga- Bhagirathi- Hooghly River System from Allahabad to Haldia has been declared as National Waterway. Conservancy works, which also include dredging, are being carried out in this stretch of River Ganga to maintain the targeted depth for movement of passenger and cargo. The dredging is a seasonal activity undertaken every year and helps in maintaining desired depth for promoting passengers and cargo traffic which will help the economy.

(c)&(d):Yes, Madam. A proposal which covers 101 waterways across the country, has been prepared for the declaration of more waterways as National Waterways by the Government. The proposal covers 101 waterways across the country.