

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JAL MARG VIKAS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a detailed project report has been prepared by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA) for the Jal Marg Vikas project and if so, the details thereof including assistance received from the World Bank;
- (b) the details of the cities likely to be included therein and the manner in which it would enhance development, in land water cargo traffic and generate employment;
- (c) whether the project is to be operationalized under private public partnership mode; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof

Answer

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

(a)to(d):The 'Jal Marg Vikas' (National Waterway-1) project envisages to develop a fairway with 3 meters depth between Allahabad to Haldia covering a distance of 1620 kms at an estimated cost of Rs. 4200 crore to be completed in six years. This would enable commercial navigation of atleast 1500 ton vessels. For implementation of the Jal Marg Vikas Project, technical assistance and investment support is being provided by the World Bank. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA) through selected Consultancy firms will conduct (i) Detailed Feasibility Study and Detailed Engineering for Ancillary works on National Waterway-1; (ii) Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and Resettlement Action Plan (RAP); and (iii) IWT Sector Development Strategy and Market Development Study during 2015-16. The actual developmental works and the interventions required in the project would be decided based on the outcome of the above studies.