

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL WATERWAY IN ODISHA
Samal Dr. Kulamani

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking steps to execute the National Waterway No. 5 Project of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to establish the regional office for Eastern Region at Bhubaneswar for better coordination of National Waterway No. 5; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b):Yes, Madam. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of Odisha, Paradip Port and Dhamra Port Co. Ltd. was signed by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA) on 30th June, 2014 for developing the commercially viable stretch of 332 km of NW-5 (588 km) in two phases.

The MOU incorporates the development of 201 km stretch of Pankopal/ Jakodia to Paradip and Dhamra in phase - I and an 131 km stretch between Talcher and Pankopal/ Jakodia in the phase - II. M/s WAPCOS Ltd. has been engaged to revise the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the stretches in question.

(c)&(d):Yes, Madam. An office has been opened in Bhubaneswar for the development of National Waterway No.5, in March, 2015 which will do coordination with all the stakeholders, including the State Government.