

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INLAND WATER TRANSPORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to provide subsidy in order to encourage the scope for Inland Water Transport; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a)&(b): For the development and maintenance of National Waterways which includes fairway and other infrastructural facilities like navigational aids, terminals etc, 100% budgetary support is provided by the Government. Besides, infrastructure status has been granted to the Inland Water Transport (IWT) Sector. The goods transported over Inland Waterways are also exempt from Service Tax. However, no subsidy for the Inland Water Transport is envisaged at present.