

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:57
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DEVELOPMENT OF WATERWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of functional National Waterways in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to develop more waterways in the country including coastal cities for shipping and navigation;
- (c) the details of the waterways approved/ under consideration of the Government including the terminals, the water route being developed, expenditure estimated to be incurred and the time-frame laid down for the work; and
- (d) the estimated tonnage of cargo shipping per annum and other benefits likely to accrue from these waterways?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI NITIN GADKARI) STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LoK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 57 RAISED BY SHRI CHIRAG PASWAN & SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV, MPs REGARDING "DEVELOPMENT OF WATERWAYS".

- (a) The details of the present five National Waterways (NWs) in the country is enclosed at Annexure.
- (b) Yes Madam, a proposal has been prepared for the declaration of more waterways as National Waterways (NWs) by the Government. The proposal covers waterways across the country which have potential for year round commercial navigation. For encouraging Coastal Shipping, a River Sea vessel (RSV) category has been introduced with lower technical and manning requirement for coastal vessels and facility for Green Channel and priority berthing for coastal vessels have been made at major ports.
- (c) The details of declared National Waterways and the list of terminals is at Annexure. The expenditure done and proposed is as follows:-

On NW- 1, 2 & 3 developmental & maintenance activities are being undertaken since declaration of these waterways as National Waterways. For NW- 4, a project for development of Sholinganallur- Kallapakkam stretch of South Buckingham Canal has commenced at an estimated cost of Rs. 123.40 crore.

Under Phase-1 of the development of NW-5, development of 201 km stretches of Pankopal/Jakodia to Paradip and Dhamra will be completed. The 131 km. stretch between Talcher and Pankopal/Jakodia will be taken up in the 2nd Phase. IWAJ has opened an office at Bhubaneswar to take up the developmental works.

For maintenance and development of fairway and other infrastructure facility along these NWs a provision of Rs. 267crore was made in the budget of 2014-15. It is expected that in the next five years time the five National Waterways would be developed with navigational fairway and necessary infrastructure for passenger and cargo movement.
- (d) Inland Water Transport (IWT) mode is recognized as fuel efficient, cost effective & environment friendly mode of transport all over the World. Developmental cost of IWT mode is also much lower than rail & road. It requires less land and provides safe mode for the transportation of hazardous and over dimensional cargo. The cargo moved through NW- 1, 2 & 3 during 2014- 15 (till January, 2015) is as under:- 19.50 lakh tonnes.

NW- 1 19.50 lakh tonnes
NW- 2 4.37 lakh tonnes
NW- 3 7.32 lakh tonne