

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6184  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop coastal freight corridors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the benefits of developing the same;
- (c) whether Rail India Technical & Economic Service (RITES) Limited, appointed to prepare a report on Inter Modal connectivity of National Waterways has given report with respect to development of coastal freight corridors; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government on the recommendations given by the RITES in their report?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d): An Integrated National Waterways Transportation Grid (INTG) study was undertaken by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA) through RITES with an aim to link all the existing National Waterways (NWs) [viz. River Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad (NW-1: 1620 km), River Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya (NW- 2: 891 km), West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam with Udyogmandal and Champakara Canals (NW- 3: 205 km), Kakinada- Puducherry stretch of canals with River Godavari and River Krishna (NW- 4: 1078 km), East Coast Canal with River Brahmani and River Mahanadi's delta (NW- 5: 588 km)] to National / State Highways, Railways (wherever feasible) and Sea ports (wherever feasible ) and sea ports (Wherever feasible) so that all these waterways become an integral part of the total transportation grid.