

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

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SHIP LIFT AND BOAT LIFT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any ship-lifts or boat-lifts are being planned for any existing/new dams or barrages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the inland navigation of boats and barrages is being taken care of during the planning of the Polavaram project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION;
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TEXTILES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE).(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) Presently ship-lifts or boat-lifts facility is available at Farakka Barrage Project (FBP) to facilitate movement of vessels on National Waterway No.1 (Hooghly-Bhagirathi to Ganga & vice-versa) through Feeder Canal. A navigation lock was constructed and commissioned in 1987 at Farakka as a part of Farakka Barrage Project to facilitate movement of vessels on National Waterway No.1 (Hooghly-Bhagirathi to Ganga & vice-versa) through Feeder Canal. The lock is presently operational and about 25-30 vessels regularly pass through it in a month.

(c) & (d) The planning of Polavaram Project provides for separate lock channel (navigational canal) on the left bank linking up the reservoir with the downstream side of the dam at an estimated cost of Rs. 125.53 crores at Price Level 2010-11 as recommended by Advisory Committee of the Ministry.