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Title : Need to declare Dhubri-Haldia via Bangladesh Water Way as International Water Way and release the fund for construction of Dhubri Port.

SHRI ANWAR HUSSAIN (DHUBRI): 'Sadia-Dhubri Brahmaputra Water Way route has been declared as National Water Way No. II. Works for night navigation has been completed and dredging of river bed is in progress. On experimental basis perhaps, ships are running to Haldia (Kolkata) through Bangladesh from Assam.

There is a proposal for constructing a port at New-Ghat Dhubri. An estimate for Rs. 200 Crores has been sanctioned. The District administration has identified land for it. As the money has not been released by the Central Government the work progress is nil.

Dhubri-Haldia via Bangladesh route is un-doubtedly an international route. As such, for operational purpose it should be notified as International Water Way.

I urge upon the Government kindly to notify this route as International Water-Way and release the sanctioned fund immediately for construction of Dhubri Port.