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Title: Need to develop Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai Waterway.

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE (KALYAN): Maharashtra has been bestowed with a huge ocean front right from Mumbai onwards. However, apart from waterways such as Mumbai-Alibag and Mumbai-Goa, waterways have not been considered as a viable alternative for regular commutation. As an alternative mode of transport Kalyanj-Thane-Mumbai waterway has an untapped potential to decongest the existing load on transportation. We know that the railways that serve the commuters are overloaded on this section and there is a limited scope for expansion of the same.

Thus, it is time that we consider Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai waterway as a suitable answer to the congestion on roads and railways.

- A minimum of four lack commuters travel from Kalyan to Mumbai everyday.
- Mumbai has huge jetties which can handle the waterway traffic.
- Maritime Board has conducted a survey for establishment of Jetties at Talavali, Gothivali, Vashi and Koparkhairane.
- Navi Mumbai has already some Jetties and some are in pipeline.
- Kalyan could be developed as a commuter hub for waterway considering the vast coastline connecting Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai and Navi Mumbai.
- The rural areas connected with Kalyan will be hugely benefited due to waterways as their produce can reach faster to Mumbai markets.
- The load on railways and roads will be reduced so that they can be maintained in better shape.

Sir, through you, I would like to request the Government to look into the matter. We should initiate a further Feasibility Survey for implementation of this waterway. This waterway is going to pave the way for a meaningful gift to be given to lakhs of commuters from my constituency as also from other areas.