

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 567
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2021

DEVELOPMENT OF WATERWAYS IN ASSAM

567. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government is planning to boost waterways within Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the details of the funds estimated and the target likely to set for this; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be realised?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (c) River Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya was declared as National Waterway-2 (NW-2) in 1988. Substantial Inland Water Transport (IWT) infrastructure for the purpose of navigation has been developed on this waterway. The waterway is operational and is maintained regularly.

After declaration of Barak river as National Waterway-16 (NW-16) under the National Waterways Act, 2016, developmental works have already commenced between Bhanga to Silchar [during 2017-18. These include navigational aids, maintenance dredging and upgradation of terminals at Badarpur and Karimganj. NW-16 is operational with limited infrastructure facility.

For further comprehensive development of NW-2 and NW-16 & IBP route (Indian side) during 2020-21 to 2024-25, Rs. 461 crore and Rs. 145 crore respectively have been sanctioned by the Government. Details of the IWT projects in Assam undertaken by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is at **Annex.-1**.

Details of the IWT projects in Assam

| Sl. No. | Name of Project | Description |
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| A | Brahmaputra River (NW-2) | |
| 1 | Annual Fairway Development and Maintenance Work | This work includes regular annual activities such as Hydrographic Survey, Bandalling, dredging, operation, management and manning of vessels already deployed on NW-2 is being carried out on yearly basis. |
| 2 | O&M of Navigation aids | The Operation & Maintenance of day navigational aids, night navigational aids and Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) stations which have already been established is taken up as regular annual activities, and are being carried out on yearly basis. |
| 3 | O&M of Terminals | As on date there are two permanent and nine floating terminals as per details mentioned below: <u>Permanent Terminals:</u> (i) Pandu, and (ii) Dhubri <u>Floating Terminals:</u> (i) Hatsingimari (ii) Jogighopa, (iii) Pandu, (iv) Uzan Bazar, (v) Silghat (vi) Biswanathghat (vii) Neamati (viii) Bogibeel and (ix) Oriumghat. |
| 5 | Construction of ship repair facility (Slipway) at Pandu. | To facilitate dry docking repair in North Eastern Region (NER), construction of Ship repair facility at Pandu has been finalized for development. |
| 6. | Construction of terminal at Jogighopha. | M/s National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) to take up the work on deposit work basis. |
| 7. | Alternate road to Pandu | M/s National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) to be entrusted the work on deposit work basis. |
| B | Barak River (NW-16) | |
| 1 | Upgradation of Badarpur and Karimganj Terminals | Upgradation of Badarpur and Karimganj terminals is entrusted to CPWD on deposit work basis. |