

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4181
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH JULY, 2019

BUILDING OF NEW WATERWAYS

4181. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government has received any proposals to build new waterways at Alappuzha – Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal, Kottayam – Vaikom Canal and through any water bodies in Kottayam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c) Under the National Waterways Act, 2016, National Waterway (NW)-9 is the Alappuzha – Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal stretching from Boat-Jetty, Alappuzha to Athirampuzha Market via Kottayam and NW-59 is the Kottayam–Vaikom Canal stretching from Kottayam near Kodimatha to Vechoor joining NW-3 (near Kumarakom). Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has taken up development of Alappuzha – Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal of NW-9 at an estimated cost of Rs.1.60 crore. Night navigation facilities have been installed between Alappuzha to Kottayam (Kodimatha) and this waterway is operational for ferry services. In view of the findings of the Detailed Project Report (DPR), development of NW-59 is not envisaged at present
