

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4262
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH JULY, 2019

NATIONAL WATERWAY IN BARAK RIVER

4262. DR. RAJDEEP ROY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details of progress of work in National Waterway of Barak River in Assam along with the present status thereof; and
- (b) whether four small ports are proposed to be set up along the 60 km waterway at Karimganj, Badarpur, Silchar and Lakhipur in Assam and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) After declaration of Barak river as National Waterway-16 (NW-16) under the National Waterways Act, 2016, developmental activities between Bhanga to Silchar have been initiated by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) 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.
- (b) On NW-16, action has been initiated for upgradation of existing Inland Water Transport terminals at Karimganj and Badarpur. To finalize a suitable location for terminal between Badarpur and Bhanga and for preparation of its Detailed Project Report, a consultant has been engaged by the IWAI.
