

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 800  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019

**DEVELOPMENT OF GANGA RIVER AS INLAND WATERWAY**

800. SHRI BALLI DURGA PRASAD RAO:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government is developing Ganga River as inland waterway;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken in this direction and expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to operate Ro-Ro Ferry and Ro-Pax Ferry on the said National Waterway and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is implementing the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) at an estimated cost of Rs. 5369.18 crore for capacity augmentation of navigation on the Haldia-Varanasi stretch National Waterway-1 (NW-1) with the technical and financial assistance of the World Bank. Projects worth Rs. 1800 crore (approx.) have commenced on the ground in a time period of three years after statutory clearances and an expenditure of Rs. 1447.43 crore has been incurred up to 31.10.2019. Multi Modal Terminals at Varanasi (UP) and Sahibganj (Jharkhand) have been completed.

(c) No, Sir. However, the interventions in JMVP include five pairs of Ro-Ro terminals at Rajmahal (Jharkhand) - Manikchak (West Bengal), Samdaghat (Jharkhand)-Manihari (Bihar), Kahalgaon-Tintangha (Bihar), Hasnapur-Bakhtiyarpur (Bihar), Buxer (Bihar)-Saraikota (Uttar Pradesh).

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