

National waterways

‡4300. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is being contemplated to increase the number of National Waterways in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government of Orissa has sent any proposal for creation of more National Waterways; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MUKUL ROY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Doesn't arise.

(c) and (d) In November, 2008 Talchar-Dhamra stretch of Brahmani-Kharsua-Dhamra rivers, Genokhali-Charbatia stretch of East Coast Canal, Charbatia – Dhamra stretch of Matai river and Mahanadi Delta rivers between Mangalgadi and Paradip in States of West Bengal and Orissa has been declared as National Waterway. Thereafter, no proposal has been received from Government of Orissa for creation of more national waterways.

New Ship-building Subsidy Scheme

4301. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the processes of inter-ministerial consultation to finalize the New Ship-building Subsidy Scheme has been completed;
- (b) if so, whether Government has received any comments from the various stake holders in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details in this regard;
- (d) the details of the steps so far taken by Government thereon; and
- (e) by when the said policy will be implemented in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) to (e) The proposal regarding new shipbuilding subsidy scheme is under finalization for seeking the comments of various appraising agencies. No time frame can be indicated for finalizing the same.

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.