

- Gwalior(WR) – Jaipur (NR-Rajasthan) 765kV 2xS/c line (under Construction and likely completion by June-2015).
- $\pm$  800kV, 6000 MW HVDC bi-pole between Champa (WR) and Kurukshetra (NR-Haryana) (under construction; 3000MW likely completion by March-2016 and next 3000 MW by 2018-19).
- Jabalpur Pool (WR) – Orai(NR-UP) 765kV D/c line (by 2018-19).
- Banaskantha (WR) – Chhittorgarh (NR - Rajasthan) 765kV D/c (by 2018-19)

Besides, following major interregional lines between NR/UP and ER/NER are under implementation which would also facilitate delivery of power to NR/UP :

- Major on-going lines between Northern Region and Eastern Region
  - Barh-II (ER) - Gorakhpur (NR-UP) 400kV D/c (Quad) line (Under Construction and likely completion by May, 2015).
  - Gaya (ER) - Varanasi (NR-UP) 765 kV S/c line (Under Construction and likely completion by July 2015).
  - Biharsharif (ER) - Varanasi (NR-UP) 400kV D/c line (Quad) (Under Construction and likely completion by July 2015).
- Major on-going lines between Northern Region and North-Eastern Region
  - Biswanath Chariali (NER) - Agra(NR-UP) +/- 800 kV, 6000 MW HVDC line (Under Construction and likely completion by 2015-16)

#### **Inland waterway connecting Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry**

\*115. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to start an inland waterway connecting Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when it is likely to be operational for transportation of commercial goods?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI): (a) and (b) Stretch of River Godavari from Bhadrachalam to Rajahmundry, River Krishna from Wazirabad to Vijayawada, Kakinada Canal, Eluru Canal, Commamur Canal, North Buckingham Canal, South Buckingham Canal, Kaluvelly Tank has been

declared as National Waterway No. 4 (NW-4) for developing the inland navigation system in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

Action has been initiated by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) for developing stretches of NW-4 in a phased manner in consultation with the concerned State Government. A project for development of Sholinganallur-Kallapakkam stretch of South Buckingham Canal in Tamil Nadu has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of ₹ 123.40 crore. The canal portions of NW-4 is expected to be operational for commercial transportation of goods by end of 2017.

#### **Minimum mandays work under MGNREGA**

†\*116. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers employed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) have got only 34 mandays work instead of 100, during the last ten months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is taking any action to ensure that MGNREGA workers get minimum 100 mandays work in a year as per the rule, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the status of Jharkhand in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHAUDHARY BIRENDER SINGH): (a) to (d) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a demand-driven wage employment programme. Not less than 100 days of employment are provided to registered workers upon receipt of their demand. The number of days of employment provided to a household depends on the number of days of employment demanded by the household. The demand for work itself is influenced by various factors such as rainfall pattern, availability of alternative and remunerative employment opportunities outside MGNREGA and prevailing unskilled wage rates. Government remains actively engaged with State Governments in establishing systems that ensure provision of work as per demand. State-wise details of average mandays generated under the MGNREGA during 2014-15 are given in Statement.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.