

namely, Kandla, Paradip, Mumbai, Mormugao, Vishakhapatnam, Cochin and Kolkata having partnership with ship-repair specialists for better utilization of existing repair infrastructure at Major Ports towards commercial repair. However, Cochin Port has already leased out its land in 2013 to Cochin Shipyard Limited for creation of International Ship-repair facility.

(c) There is no specific proposal for maintenance of the cruise shipping. Further, development and promotion of tourist destinations including identification of cruise routes is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration and private/public stakeholder. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) under relevant schemes to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations and to Central Agencies for various tourism projects including Terminals and Cruise Vessels.

(d) Government has taken following steps for development of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWA1) and Inland Waterways:—

- i. Restructuring of manpower in IWAI was carried out in 2016 by which 101 new posts were created under various categories in IWAI.
- ii. Under the National Waterways Act, 2016, 106 new Inland Waterways have been declared as National Waterways (NWs) in addition to the five existing NWs, spread across 24 States.
- iii. As part of the Jal Marg Vikas Project aimed at strengthening the navigation capacity and promoting transportation of cargo and passengers on the Haldia-Varanasi stretch of NW-I (River Ganga) construction of multi modal terminals at Varanasi, Haldia and Sahibganj and navigational lock at Farakka has commenced.
- iv. Out of 106 newly declared NWs, development of 32 NWs has been found to be technically feasible. Out of these 7 NWs have been approved for development.

#### **Ferry-fleets and ghats under Inland Water Transport of India**

1742. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of ferry ghats on the rivers of India;
- (b) the number of ferry fleets under Inland Water Transport of India;
- (c) the infrastructure facility to improve the ferry ghats; and

(d) the steps being taken to replace the poor and outdated vessels and the ferries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA): (a) to (d) Ferry services are under the purview of respective State Governments. As such data on the number of ferry ghats and fleets are maintained by the respective State Governments and they are also responsible for infrastructure facilities at ferry ghats. However, the existing terminals of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) on National Waterways 1, 2 and 3 are also being utilised for passenger services from time to time. Details are given in Statement (See below).

Under the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) for capacity augmentation of navigation on the Haldia-Varanasi stretch of National Waterway-1, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has engaged a reputed consultant for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the development of ferry service on NW-1. The consultants have been tasked to identify suitable locations for construction of 18 ferry terminals in six cities of Varanasi, Patna, Munger, Bhagalpur, Kolkata and Haldia on NW-1.

*Statement*

*The list of terminals on NW - 1, 2 and 3*

Name of Waterway	Fixed Terminal	Floating Terminal
National Waterway-1	GR Jetty-2 (Kolkata), Pakur Farakka (owned by Farakka Barrage Project) and Patna (Low level and high level)	Haldia- 1, Haldia- 2, Kolkata (BISN, Botanical Garden), Shantipur, Swaroopganj, Katwa, Hazardwari, Downstream Farakka, Upstream Farakka, Rajmahal, Sahibganj, Bateshwarsthan, Bhagalpur, Munger, Semaria, Buxar, Ghazipur, Varanasi and Allahabad
National Waterway-2	Low and high level jetties at Pandu with BG railway link. IWT cum Ro-Ro terminal at Dhubri (Assam)	Hatsingimari, Jogighopa, Pandu, Tezpur, Silghat, Vishwanathghat, Neamati, Bogibeel, Sengajan, Dibrugarh and Oriumghat
National Waterway-3	IWAI has already constructed eight permanent terminals on NW-3 viz., Kottapuram, Aluva, Maradu, Vaikkom, Thanneermukkom, Trikkunna-puzha, Kayamkulam and Kollam. In addition, there are two nos. terminals viz., Bolghatty and Willingdon island has also been developed in Cochin Port Trust limit for container traffic through (Roll-on Roll-off) Ro-Ro/Low-on Low-off (Lo-Lo) service	