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INLAND NAVIGATION IN KERALA

1107. SHRI M. V. SHREYAMS KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the projects approved by Government for the development of Inland navigation in the State of Kerala; and
- (b) the present status of development of the ongoing Inland navigation projects in Kerala?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING & WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b) The details of number of projects and the status of the approved and ongoing works by Government for the development of Inland navigation in the State of Kerala given below:-

(i) Fairway Development:

More than 39 lakh Cu.m dredging has been completed over a shoal length of 85 Km. Widening of canal has been completed in 13.10 Km. For the purpose of widening of narrow canals, IWAI acquired 21 Hectares of land in Alappuzha & Kollam Districts. Navigability has been established in the entire National Waterway through capital dredging. The widening work of the balance shoal in Edappallikkotta – Kollam stretch (1.20 Km) has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 6.75 crore.

(ii) Terminals:

IWAI has constructed 9 IWT terminals at Kottappuram, Aluva, Kayamkulam, Vaikom, Thanneermukkom (Cherthala), Thrikkunnappuzha, Alappuzha, Maradu and Kollam. Out of which 3 terminals i.e., Kottappuram, Aluva & Kollam has been leased out to Kerala Shipping & Inland Navigation Corporation (KSINC), a Government of Kerala undertaking for utilization of the same in IWT mode. Further, two terminals at Willingdon and Bolgatty Islands have been constructed at a cost of Rs. 16.60 crore with RO-RO (Roll On - Roll Off) and LO-LO (Lift On - Lift Off) facilities specially for transportation of containers between ICTT Vallarpadam and Willingdon Island (3.5 Km). IWAI has handed over two Ro-Ro Vessels namely (i) M.V Adishankara & (ii) M. V. CV Raman to KSINC (Kerala Shipping & Inland Navigation Corporation), a Govt. of Kerala undertaking. Rs. 2.28 crore has also been sanctioned for operation and maintenance of IWT terminals in NW-3.

(iii) Navigational Aids:

24 hours navigational aids are installed in entire route from Kottappuram to Kollam including Chamapakkara & Udyogmandal Canals. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is maintaining these aids as a result of which transportation of all kinds of goods are taking place round the clock. 25 lighted floating buoys each have been installed in NW-8 and NW-9.

(iv) Reconstruction of Navigational lock at Thrikkunnappuzha

The work of reconstruction navigational lock at Thrikkunnappuzha at a total cost of Rs. 38.00 crore was sanctioned during June, 2017 as deposit work through Irrigation Department, Govt. of Kerala and a total amount of Rs. 33.00 crore had been provided for this project. So far the project has achieved a physical progress of 47%.

(v) Demolition of old Foot over Bridge & Construction of new Single Lane Bridge at Kovilthottam.

The work was entrusted to Harbour Engineer Department (HED), Govt. of Kerala on deposit work basis and an amount of Rs. 1.38 crore deposited by IWAI (50% of IWAI's share) on 31.07.2017. However, the work could not be commenced by HED yet due to local problems.

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