

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-783**  
ANSWERED ON 08/02/2022

**TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS THROUGH COASTAL WATERWAYS**

783. SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the promotion of transportation of goods through waterways by Government has resulted in transportation of goods through coastal waterways instead of road and railways;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the annual growth of transportation of goods through coastal waterways has increased ten times since 2014;
- (c) whether growth rate was only 1.4 per cent between the year 2009-10 and 2013-14; and
- (d) the growth rate during the year 2020-21?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) The efforts made by the Government to promote the transportation through waterways have resulted in increase in transportation of goods through Inland Water Transport (IWT) and coastal waterways. Cargo movement through National Waterways including coastal waterways having linkage with National Waterways (NWs) has registered a growth of 2.76 times during the period 2014-15 to 2020-21.

(c) & (d) Growth rate of IWT on National Waterways from 2009-10 to 2013-14 was at 1.5%. The growth rate in 2020-21 is 13.5% over that of 2019-20.

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