

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1099
ANSWERED ON 26/7/2022

**ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIAL IMPACT EVALUATION FOR NATIONAL
WATERWAY-1**

1099. DR.KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

Will the MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether studies related to environmental social impact evaluation and market development strategy were conducted for National Waterway-1 (NW1), and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of expenditure incurred on NW1 Development Project;
- (c) whether loan/assistance has been taken from the World Bank for this project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the conditions on which the said loan/ assistance was received?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes Sir. The following studies on Environmental, social impact and market development strategies have been conducted under Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) for capacity augmentation of NW-1:-

- i. IWT sector development strategy and Market development study for capacity augmentation of NW-1.
- ii. Plan and implementation support for commercialization of NW-1.
- iii. Effect of Navigation activities on Dolphin.
- iv. Environmental and Social Impact Assessment study, Environment Management Plan and Resettlement Action Plan.
- v. Environment Impact Assessment, Environmental Management Plan, Social Impact Assessment and Resettlement Action Plan for NW-1.

(b) Rs. 2151.45 Crores has been incurred under JMVP on NW-1 up to June, 2022.

(c & d) Yes, Sir. The project was approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) at a total estimated cost of Rs. 5369.18 cr (US\$ 800 million) and the date of completion of the project is 31.12.2023. Originally the loan component was US\$ 375.00 million. However, subsequently the project cost was reviewed and the loan component reduced to US\$ 317.22 million. As per Loan Agreement between Govt. of India and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), a lending arm of World Bank, the repayment of Principal amount of the loan starts from 1st August, 2024. The loan carries an interest rate of 5%.
