

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1106
ANSWERED ON 26/07/2022

SCHEME FOR INLAND WATERWAYS

1106. SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) whether there is any scheme to ensure the arrangements of movement through inland waterways;
- (b) if so, the number of total places selected under it so far;
- (c) the total number of places where this arrangement has been introduced; and
- (d) the number of such places in Gujarat where Government is providing such services, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) To promote inland water transport (IWT) in the country, 111 inland waterways spread over 24 states have been declared as National Waterways (NWs) under National Waterway Act, 2016. Based on the outcome of techno-economic feasibility and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of these NWs, action plan has been formulated by IWAI for 26 NWs found viable for cargo/passenger movement (Details at **Annex-1**). Development activities have been initiated in the first 13 NWs out of the 26 viable NWs. During the year 2021-22, cargo movement has been recorded on 19 NWs.

On two NWs of Gujarat, namely NW-73 (Narmada River from Pandhariya to Gulf of Khambhat) and NW-100 (Tapi River from Hatnur Dam to Gulf of Khambhat) cargo movement is taking place. Cargo movement on these two waterways recorded during the year 2021-22 is as under:-

S. No.	National Waterway	Movement of Cargo (in Metric Tons) during 2021-22
1	NW-73: Narmada River	45,223
2	NW-100: Tapi River	2,93,22,174

Moreover, there is a scheme namely Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for development of inland waterways in North Eastern States including Sikkim in which 100% financial assistance is provided to North Eastern States. The details of project sanctioned under CSS is at **Annex-2**.

LIST OF 26 NATIONAL WATERWAYS FOUND FEASIBLE FOR CARGO / PASSENGER MOVEMENT

Sl. No	National Waterway	Details of Waterways	STATES	Status
1	National Waterway 1	Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River System (Haldia - Allahabad)	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand & West Bengal	Development taken up with Assistance from World Bank Jal Marg Vikas Project
2	National Waterway 2	Brahmaputra River (Dhubri - Sadiya)	Assam	Development taken up as per approved SFC for FY 2020-21 to 2024-25
3	National Waterway 16	Barak River	Assam	
4	National Waterway 3	West Coast Canal (Kottapuram - Kollam), Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals	Kerala	
5	National Waterway 4	Krishna River (Vijayawada - Muktyala)	Andhra Pradesh	Mostly Operational Waterways and development and maintenance work taken up.
6	National Waterway 5	Dhamra-Paradio via Mangalagadi to Pankopal	Odisha	
7	National Waterway 8	Alappuzha- Changanassery Canal	Kerala	
8	National Waterway 9	Alappuzha - Kottayam - Athirampuzha Canal	Kerala (Alternate route: 11.5km)	
9	National Waterway 27	Cumberjua River	Goa	
10	National Waterway 68	Mandovi River	Goa	
11	National Waterway 86	Rupnarayan River	West Bengal	
12	National Waterway 97	Sunderbans Waterway	West Bengal	
13	National Waterway 111	Zuari River	Goa	
14	National Waterway 10	Amba River	Maharashtra	
15	National Waterway 40	Ghagra River	Bihar	
16	National Waterway 44	Ichamati River	West Bengal	
17	National Waterway 52	Kali River	Karnataka	
18	National Waterway 57	Kopili River	Assam	
19	National Waterway 25	Chapora River	Goa	
20	National Waterway 37	Gandak River	Bihar	
21	National Waterway 28	Dabhol Creek Vasisti River	Maharashtra	
22	National Waterway	Narmada River 409	Maharashtra &	

	73		Gujarat
23	National Waterway 85	Revadanda Creek - Kundalika River System	Maharashtra
24	National Waterway 94	Sone River	Bihar
25	National Waterway 100	Tapi River	Maharashtra & Gujarat
26	National Waterway 31	Dhansiri River	Assam

Projects sanctioned under Central Sector Scheme (Implemented by the respective State Governments) under North Eastern Region:-

Sl. No.	State	Name of Project	Project Cost (₹ in Cr)
1	Assam	Construction of 15 Nos. (17.0m long) floating terminals at 15 Ghats on NW2 (Assam)	6.07
		Construction of 15 Nos. of (17.0m long) floating terminals at 15 Ghats on NW16 (Assam)	6.37
		Construction of 25Nos (17.0m long) floating terminals at 25 Ghats on NW2 (Assam)	10.97
		Construction of 16Nos (25.0m long) floating terminals at 16 Ghats on NW2 (Assam)	13.70
2	Manipur	Loktak Inland Water Transport Project-II onLoktak Lake (Manipur)	7.88
		Project proposal for utilising the savings under CSS for "Survey of River Barak (Manipur side)"	0.40
		Loktak Inland Waterways Improvement Project for Loktak Lake (Manipur)	25.58
3	Mizoram	Preparation o DPR for Tuichawang / Karnaphuli River (Mizoram)	0.57
		Development of IWT on river Khawthlangtuipui- Tuichawng in Lunglei District, Mizoram	22.93
4	Tripura	Setting up of linkage with Meghna river system in Bangladesh by developing Gumti River (Tripura)	24.52
