

Need for revival of canals and sub-canals in Jajpur district, Odisha for irrigation and navigation purpose -Laid

DR. RABINDRA NARAYAN BEHERA (JAJPUR): The Jajpur district in whole is represented as Jajpur Parliamentary Constituency in Odisha. There are several rivers like Brahmani, Baitarani, Kelua, Birupa and many small rivers exist here. The district is endowed with rich mineral resources and vibrant cultural heritage points. In past there was maritime legacy and cultural link with Java, Sumatra, Borneo etc. through these rivers for trade by country boats. During British period many canals and sub-canals were constructed connecting these rivers including Major Jenapur to Choudwer canal connecting river Brahmani and Mahanadi. The District is also an agriculture based district. It is observed that most of these canals are destroyed and buried. I do propose Hon^{ble} Minister of Shipping, Inland Waterways and Jal Shakti to revive these canals for irrigation and navigation purpose in alignment with the objectives of National Waterways (NW) including National Waterways 22 and connect these rivers.