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INVESTMENT PACKAGE FOR IWDC IN BIHAR

3409. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) the amount of funds released and utilised so far out of the 1405.26 crore investment announced during the second meeting of the Inland Waterways Development Council (IWDC), particularly in the State of Bihar;
- (b) the details of key projects approved along with their implementation status in the State under the said investment package;
- (c) whether any stretches of rivers in the State have been classified as high or medium vessel density under the National River Traffic and Navigation System (NRT&NS), if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce a pilot version of the Riverine Community Development Scheme in Bihar to improve the socio-economic conditions of river-dependent populations, especially in flood-prone regions, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
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(a) & (b) Implementation of the projects has been started after the announcement at the second meeting of the Inland Waterways Development Council (IWDC). Till date an expenditure of Rs. 45.01 crore has been incurred. In respect of Bihar, the projects announced during the second meeting of IWDC include procurement of 4 Quick Pontoon Opening Mechanisms (QPOMs) with estimated cost of about Rs.40 crore, the procurement process for which has been initiated. The details of completed/ongoing projects in the State of Bihar are at **Annexure**.

(c) No stretch of river in the State has been classified as high or medium vessel density under the National River Traffic and Navigation System (NRT&NS).

(d) Concept of Arth Ganga was included in Jal Marg Vikas Project to energize socio-economic development along the banks of the Ganga river with the aim for inclusive growth to play a key role in improving the livelihoods of people by providing simple logistics solutions for small farmers, fishery units, unorganised farm producing units, horticulturists, florists and artisans. Under the Arth Ganga, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has taken up construction of 60 community jetties (Uttar Pradesh – 15, Bihar – 21, Jharkhand – 2, West Bengal – 22), localized berthing stations for small vessels to enhance the accessibility and utility of inland waterways, particularly for rural and semi-urban communities. All 21 community jetties in Bihar have been commissioned. Daily footfall of passengers at community jetties ranges between 64,000 to 1,22,000.

Projects in Bihar**Completed/Ongoing Projects**

S.No.	Name of Project	Details
1.	IMT Kalughat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Developed in Saran, Bihar
2.	2 Ro-Pax Vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MV Rajendra Prasad and MV Swami Paramhans Handed over to State Govt.
3.	Community Jetties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">21 Community jetties developed and commissioned
4.	Quick Pontoon Opening Mechanism (QPOM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">1 QPOM deployed at Maujampur (Ara)
5.	Fairway Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Farakka - Kahalgaon stretchSultanganj – Mahenderpur stretchMahenderpur - Barh stretch
6.	National Inland Navigation Institute (NINI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Operational in Patna
7.	Gaighat Terminal, Patna	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Operational
8.	Fairway Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Farakka - Kahalgaon stretchSultanganj – Mahenderpur - Barh stretchBarh-Digha StretchDigha – Majhaua stretchKalughat Access Channel
9.	Development of NINI as Center of Excellence,)	Infrastructure upgradation i.e. classrooms and training equipment
10.	Onshore facilities for community jetties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Being constructed for 8 locations
