

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2380**  
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2026

**NATIONAL WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT IN KERALA**

2380. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government has approved the development of the Alappuzha-Changanassery stretch as part of the National Waterway network in Kerala and if so, the present status of the project;
- (b) the total funds sanctioned, released and utilised so far for the said project, since its approval, year-wise;
- (c) the physical progress achieved, including dredging, bank protection, navigation facilities, terminals and related infrastructure till date;
- (d) the reasons including land acquisition, environmental clearance or technical constraints responsible for the delay in implementation of the said projects;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to fix a definite timeline for completion of the said project and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps being taken to ensure the early completion of the Alappuzha-Changanassery National Waterway considering its importance for inland transport, tourism and regional economic development of Kuttanad and adjoining areas in the State of Kerala?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (f) Alappuzha -Chaganasserry stretch was declared as National Waterway (NW)-8 under the National Waterways Act, 2016. Necessary Aids to navigation and fairway development works has been undertaken for safe movement of vessels. This waterway is operational. Operation & maintenance work is an ongoing process to keep the NW operational. Funds sanctioned, released and utilised so far for the said project, since its approval, year-wise are as under:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Funds Sanctioned (INR cr.)</b>	<b>Funds released&amp; utilized (INR cr.)</b>
2019-20	0.24	0.24
2020-21	0.04	0.04
2021-22	0.04	0.04
2022-23	0.04	0.04
2023-24	0.05	0.04
2024-25	0.87	0.75
2025-26	0.85	0.78

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