

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2497
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2026

NATIONAL WATERWAY-5

2497. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

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

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- (a) whether there has been any delay in the commencement of work on National Waterway 5;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the time by which the said work is likely to be started; and
- (d) the measures proposed by the Government to include the residents living along both sides of the said Waterway in the said project?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, has prepared a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for development of National Waterway-5 (NW-5). Based on the outcome of the DPR, the project for development of NW-5 from Talcher to Paradip/Dhamra is under consideration, and the work will be taken up after formal approval of the project.

(d) Development of the NW-5 project will create employment opportunities for the local population, reduce migration, provide alternative livelihood through commerce, transport, and allied activities, enhance per capita income, and promote inclusive economic growth and sustainable development in the region.
