

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:221
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2003
INLAND WATER TRANSPORT SYSTEM
MADAN PRASAD JAISWAL; RATNA SINGH

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce inland water transport system in all cities that have some rivers with the potential of navigation capacity running through them particularly in Southern region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from State Governments for financial assistance for the development of different waterways in their respective States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) the total financial assistance provided to each State for this purpose during the last three years;
- (f) whether the Government plans to offer inland water transport as an economical transport service to the people; and
- (g) if so, the time by which such transportation system is likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 221 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2003 ASKED BY DR. M.P. JAISWAL, SHRIMATI RAJKUMARI RATNA SINGH REGARDING INLAND WATER TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does Not arise

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The State-wise details are as under:-

Name of State	Proposal Name	Project Cost (Rs. In lakhs)	Current Status
1. ASSAM			
i)	Vessel repairing yard at Pandu.	650.00	Not covered under Centrally Sponsored Scheme. State Government informed.
ii)	Computerisation of Directorate of Inland Water Transport	20.00	-do-
iii)	Installation of radio communication network for Inland Vessels	24.00	-do-
iv)	Upgradation of Crew Training Centre of Directorate of Inland Water Transport	300.00	-do-
v)	Development of infrastructure through renovation of Cargo Vessels.	364.71	-do-
vi)	Improvement of Ferry Services on the River Brahmaputra, Barak and its tributaries.	1268.66	Lacked adequate details. Clarifications sought from State Government.
vii)	Terminal facilities at north bank of river Brahmaputra.	301.53	-do-
viii)	Terminal facilities at south bank of river Brahmaputra including procurement of one mini dredger.	670.79	-do-
2. BIHAR			
i)	Collection of basic data and preparation of a blue print and a data warehouse for various aspects on inland water transport growth in Bihar.	2100.00	-do-
ii)	Carrying out Hydro morphological study and preparation of detailed project report for comprehensive development of inland water transport in river Gandak.	30.00	-do-
iii)	Carrying out Hydro morphological study and preparation of detailed project report for comprehensive development of inland water transport in river Kosi.	30.00	-do-
iv)	Carrying out Hydro morphological study and preparation of detailed project report for comprehensive development of inland water transport in river Sone.	30.00	-do-
v)	Procurement of one survey and dredging unit for dredging and maintenance of navigable channel in river Gandak.	700.00	State Government has been informed that dredging unit could be considered after detailed project report. Response awaited.
vi)	Procurement of one survey and dredging unit	700.00	-do-

for dredging and maintenance of navigable channel in river Kosi.			
vii) Procurement of one survey and dredging unit for dredging and maintenance of navigable channel in river Sone	700.00	-do-	
viii) Preparation of detailed project report for construction/provision of facility for repair and maintenance of IWT vessels/containers.	20.00	Not covered under Centrally sponsored Scheme. State Government informed.	
ix) Scheme for preparation of detailed project report for river front development at Patna aimed at IWT based tourism.	25.00	Lacked adequate details. Clarifications sought from State Government.	
x) Collection of data of cargo and passenger movement and preparation of techno-economic feasibility report for mechanisation of country boats.	50.00	-do-	
xi) Development of navigational channel in Patna area for ferry service for cargo/ passenger.	2871.00	-do-	
3. GOA			
i) Capital Dredging in River Zuari	205.00	-do-	
ii) Hydrographic survey in the Inland Waterways of Goa.	157.80	-do-	
iii) Improvement to the existing navigational aid within Panaji port limit.	34.39	-do-	
iv) Dredging of Shallow patch at the mouth of river Chapora	90.00	-do-	
4. KARNATAKA			
i) Navigational facilities between Kodibag to Kadra along the Kali river, Karwar Taluk, Uttara Kannada District.	728.00	Revised proposal from State Government awaited.	
ii) Navigational facilities from riverine Port Gangolli in Pancha Gangavali River of Kundapur Taluk, Udupi District.	1223.00	-do-	
iii) Navigational facilities between Mangalore (old riverine Port) to the other places, situated on the banks of the rivers Gurpur and Netravathi in Mangalore Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District.	677.00	-do-	
iv) Navigational facilities in the backwater of Almati dam across Krishna River in Bagalkot District.	1175.00	-do-	
v) Navigational facilities between Anandagiri to Biramballi in Backwater Reservoir of Kabini River in Mysore District.	291.00	-do-	
vi) Navigational facilities between Malpe Port to the other palces situated on the Bank of river Udyavar in Udupi Taluk.	714.00	-do-	
vii) Navigational facilities between Honnavar to Gerusoppa along the Sharavathi River, Honnavar Taluk, Uttara Kannada District.	1056.00	-do-	
5. KERALA			
i) Project proposal for development of waterway from Madakkara fishing harbour to Kabbai in Kasargod District.	1500.00	Lacked adequate details. Clarifications sought from State Government.	
6. MAHARASHTRA			
i) Development of Inland Waterways at South Mumbai to Amba River /Dharamtar Creek.	1487.00	Under examination.	
ii) Development of Inland Waterways in Mhasla/ Manded River (Rajpuri Creek)	1516.00	-do-	
iii) Development of Inland Water Transport Across Mumbai Harbour (Ferrywharf to Nerul & Vice versa).	6700.00	Lacked adequate details. Clarifications sought from State Government.	
iv) Development of Amenties jetties at Elephenta, Konkan Coast and Creeks along Konkan Coast.	800.00	-do-	
v) Development of Inland Water Transport for Eco-tourism project along Koyna backwater in Western Maharashtra.	500.00	-do-	
vi) Development of Inland Water Transport for Eco-Tourism project along Arunavati river at Taluka Digras, District Yawatmal.	500.00	-do-	
vii) Development of Inland Water Transport for Eco-Tourism project at Isapur, District Manded.	500.00	-do-	
viii) Development of Inland Water Transport in Godavari river near Vishnupuri project, Manded.	417.00	-do-	
7 ORISSA			
i) Development of IWT sector in the state of Orissa - upgradation of existing facilities.	204.40		
ii) Prepration of Detailed Project Report on Waterways development	10.30	-do-	

8. TAMIL NADU

- i) Proposal for improving river Cooum from sea mouth to Periyar bridge 420.00

9.UTTAR PRADHESH

- i) Proposal for preparation of Detailed Project Report for introduction of IWT on river Gomti 10.00 In -principle approval given. Formal approval will be considered after receipt of additional information sought from State Government.

- ii) Proposal for development of inland navigation facilities on river Gomti from Gaughat to Gomti barrage. 2773.00 Lacked adequate details. Clarifications sought from State Government.

10.WEST BENGAL

- i) Project proposal for construction of gangway pontoon type floating jetties (53 nos.) and RCC slipway type jetty (4 nos.) between Tribeni and Farakka 2261.50 Under examination.
- ii) Project proposal for construction of five nos. passenger cum cargo jetties with terminal and infrastructural facilities at Dakshineswar, Sheorafuli, Manirampur, Santoshpur and Nandigram 300.00 State Government advised to prepare the Detailed Project Report.
- iii) Project proposal for construction of 27 nos. RCC jetties and 21 nos Brick Blcok jetties on waterways in Sundarban region. 784.93 Lacked adequate details. Clarifications sought from State Government.
- iv) Project Proposal for Vehicular Transshipment between Rasulpur and Khejuri on the banks of river Rasulpur. 313.00 -do-
- v) Survey /studies of Inland Water Transport and related aspects in West Bengal 99.21 -do-

(e) During the last three years (2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03) the financial assistance provided to the states under the old centrally sponsored scheme is as under: Goa - Rs. 17.58 lakhs Kerala - Rs. 273.00 lakhs West Bengal - Rs. 297.16 lakhs

(f)&(g) Yes, Sir. Government is committed to the development of inland water transport as an efficient and economical mode of transport. With this objective in view, river Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad, river Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya and West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam along with Champakara and Udyogmandal canals have been declared as National Waterways, and are being developed for shipping and navigation. Inland Water transportation is being undertaken on certain stretches of the National Waterways.