

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3472  
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NATIONAL WATERWAY NO.4  
Rajendran Shri P.

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Kottapuram-Kollam National Waterway No. 4 is not ready for navigation yet; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make the waterway suitable for navigation?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

- (a) Kottapuram-Kollam stretch of waterway is not part of National waterway No. 4. It is part of National waterway No.3, which is not yet fully operational as capital dredging on the entire stretch has not been completed.
- (b) Dredging work has been completed between Kochi and Thakazhi jetty (south of Allapuzha) stretch as also in Udyogmandal and Champakara Canals. Capital dredging is in progress in Kochi-Kottapuram stretch. In the remaining stretch of waterway from Thakazhi jetty to Kollam (50 km), the dredging work has come to a standstill due to some local issues and contractual problems. Action has been initiated to sort out the issues in consultation with the State Government of Kerala and complete the dredging work.