

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:73
ANSWERED ON:22.02.2006
TRANSPORTATION OF CARGO THROUGH INLAND WATERWAYS
Renge Patil Shri Tukaram Ganpatrao

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

- (a) whether the transportation of cargo through inland waterways is getting reduced constantly;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the targets fixed and achieved during the last three years in this regard; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the transportation of cargo through inland waterways?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 73 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND FEBRUARY, 2006 RAISED BY SHRI TUKARAM GANPATRAO RENGE PATIL REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF CARGO THROUGH INLAND WATERWAYS

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The thrust is on enhancing the modal share of Inland Water Transport from the present level of less than 1% to 2% in a time span of 10 years. However, no yearly targets have been fixed. The actual cargo transportation figures in the last three years are as under:

Year Cargo moved in millions tonnes

2002-03	26.90
2003-04	32.48
2004-05	45.48

(d) The steps proposed to be taken in order to increase the transportation of cargo through inland waterways are:

- (i) Operation of fixed schedule demonstration services on all National Waterways;
- (ii) Making existing National Waterways fully functional by providing requisite infrastructure thereon;
- (iii) Putting in place a comprehensive package of incentives/catalyst action for modal shift to take place; and
- (iv) Declaration of three new National Waterways.