

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

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NATIONAL WATERWAY IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Buckingham Canal from Kakinada to Marakkanam in Andhra Pradesh has been declared as a National Waterway;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No, Sir. However, a proposal for declaring of Bhadrachalam – Rajamundry stretch of River Godavari along with Wazirabad – Vijayawada Stretch of River Krishna integrated with Kakinada Canal, Eluru Canal, Commamur Canal and Buckingham Canal as a National Waterway is under examination. The total length of the proposed National Waterway, is 1095 kms, of which 907 kms of waterway consisting of 171 km of Godavari river, 157 km of Krishna river, 50 km of Kakinada canal, 139 km of Eluru canal, 113 km of Commamur canal and 277 km of North Buckingham canal fall in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(d) The declaration proposal is currently under inter-ministerial consultation. No specific timeframe could be prescribed in this regard at this stage as the declaration has to be by an Act of Parliament.