

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2994

ANSWERED ON:13.12.2005

ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INLAND WATER TRANSPORT FACILITIES

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

(a) whether the Government of Bihar have sought assistance to develop inland water transport facilities in four major rivers- Ganga, Kosi, Gandak and Sone in the State of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said proposal has been approved; and

(d) if so, the funds allocated therefor and the works being undertaken?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Four proposals have been approved by the Government in 2003-04. Details of these proposals including sanctioned cost, and funds released to the State Government are at Annexure-I. These projects are to be implemented by the State Government. As per progress reports received from State Government, works are yet to commence on any of these projects. In addition, four more proposals (One each for Ganga, Kosi, Gandak and Sone rivers) were received from Government of Bihar on which clarifications had been sought from the State Government. The same are awaited. Details of these proposals are at Annexure-II.

**ANNEXURE -I**

DETAILS OF APPROVED PROPOSALS OF GOVT. OF BIHAR UNDER CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME IN 2003-2004.

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	River Works likely to be undertaken the State	Sanctioned cost	Fund released to
1	Ganga Preparation of DPR for river front development at Patna aimed at IWT based tourism	25.00	5.00
2.	Kosi Collection of hydromorphological data and preparation of DPR for development of river Kosi	30.00	6.00
3	Gandak Collection of hydromorphological data and preparation of DPR for development of river Gandak	30.00	5.00
4	Sone Collection of hydromorphological data and preparation of DPR for development of river Sone	30.00	5.00

**ANNEXURE -II**

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL ON WHICH CLARIFICATION HAVE BEEN SOUGHT FROM GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR UNDER CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME

(Rs. in lakh )

S.No.	River	Scope of Works	Estimated Cost
1	Ganga	Development of navigational channel in Patna area for ferry service for cargo/ passenger.	2871.00
2.	Kosi	Procurement of one survey and dredging unit for immediate dredging and maintenance of navigable channel in river Kosi with a view to commence IWT operation immediately.	700.00
3	Gandak	Procurement of one survey and dredging unit for immediate dredging and maintenance of navigable channel in river Gandak with a view to commence IWT operation immediately.	700.00
4	Sone	Procurement of one survey and dredging unit for immediate dredging and maintenance of navigable channel in river Sone with a view to commence IWT operation immediately.	700.00