

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

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STUDY REGARDING WATER TRANSPORT IN RIVER NARMADA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a study has been conducted by foreign agencies on the potential of water transport in river Narmada flowing in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the action is likely to be initiated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) M/s Haskoning (Royal Dutch Consulting Engineers and Architects, Nijmegen) and M/s Consulting Engineering Services, New Delhi had conducted Phase I feasibility study and submitted their report (in August 1985) on navigation on Narmada River from Hoshangabad to Sea (Gulf of Khambat). The consultants had recommended completion of the full feasibility study covering `Difficult river stretches` in Phase-II and `Financial and Economic analysis` in Phase-III. These two phases, however, were not undertaken. Since the study was incomplete, no action could be taken by the Government in this regard.