

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:470  
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2006  
DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL WATERWAYS  
Chinta Mohan Dr. ;Rajendran Shri P.

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

- (a) whether there is a need for development of some more waterways as National Waterways in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has identified such Waterways, which have to be developed during the next five years;
- (c) if so, the names of those Waterways; and
- (d) the likely length of each Waterway after its development?

**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. 470 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.5.2006 RAISED BY DR. CHINTA MOHAN AND SHRI P. RAJENDRAN REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL WATERWAYS.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government at present has identified following three waterways for declaration as new National Waterways and their subsequent development for shipping and navigation:-

(i) The canal system from Kakinada to Pondicherry along with rivers Godavari and Krishna (1095 km) in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry;

(ii) River Barak in Assam (152 km); and

(iii) East Coast canal along with river Brahmani and Mahanadi delta (623 km) in Orissa and West Bengal.