

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

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KOLACHAL KOLLAM STRETCH OF T.S. CANAL
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Kolachal-Kollam stretch of the T.S. Canal in Kerala has been excluded from the National Waterway No. 3;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any study has been conducted by the Government regarding the Kolachal-Kollam stretch of the T.S. Canal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The National Waterway No. 3 comprises Kottapuram-Kollam section of West Coast Canal and Udyogmandal and Champakara canals. Kolachal-Kollam stretch of the T.S. canal is south of Kollam and is not a part of National Waterway No. 3. A study for extension of National Waterway No. 3 from Kollam to Kovalam and from Kottapuram to Kasargod was conducted by M/s RITES. Another study was also conducted for the stretch between Kovalam and Kolachal by M/s National Transportation Planning and Research Centre (NATPAC). However, further extension of National Waterway No. 3 is not being considered due to several problems being faced in the development of existing National Waterway No. 3.