

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:393  
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SHIPPING SERVICE BETWEEN PATNA AND HALDIA  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a regular shipping service has been started in the waterways between Patna and Haldia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to start shipping service on other waterways as well; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A fixed schedule service has been started between Haldia and Patna with effect from 14.1.2004 in National Waterway No.1, deploying vessels of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation (CIWTC). Under this, two round trips of cargo vessels of CIWTC are moved every month.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. A fixed schedule service has also started between Guwahati and Dhubri in National Waterway No.2, deploying one cargo vessel of Inland Water Transport Department, Government of Assam with effect from 01.6.2004. Similarly, in National Waterway No. 3, a fixed schedule service was started between Kochi and Allapuzha in October, 2003 deploying cargo vessel of Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation Ltd.(KSINC). This service, however, stands suspended from December,2003 due to closure of navigational lock at Thannermukkom.