

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2463
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CONSTRUCTION OF JETTIES AND WHARVES
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Waterways Authority of India has constructed any jetties and wharves in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the location and cost of such wharves constructed or under construction in West Bengal;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to encourage such developments along the rivers; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to encourage such developments for inland water transport?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has constructed one floating jetty at Howrah at a cost of Rs.21 lakh (approximately). Another floating jetty is under construction at Garden Reach (BISN) in Kolkata at a cost of Rs. 60 lakh (approximately). In addition, one more floating terminal exists at Haldia which is being maintained by IWAI.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. Infrastructure development on National Waterways is being done by IWAI. Besides, assistance is provided to States for such development under Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Private sector investment is also being encouraged in this area.