

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1078
ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019

DRAFT DEPTH IN INDIAN PORTS

1078. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that major ports in the country cannot handle very large vessels due to lack of proper draft depth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as well as the reasons therefor;
- (c) the measures taken by Government in this regard; and
- (d) whether Government is planning to open up the dredging market to global players, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (c) No, Sir. Ministry of Shipping is according utmost priority to deepening of drafts in the Major Ports. Most of the major ports have already achieved a draft of at least 14 mtrs or more. The draft at Visakhapatnam & Chennai outer harbour is 18.1 and 17 mtrs respectively. Recently, JNPT has achieved a draft of 15 mtrs. As a result most of the major ports are able to handle large vessels. Due to rieverine nature of Kolkata port, it is not feasible to achieve a higher draft in the Port. In order to ensure smooth movement of ships, the Ports are regularly taking up maintenance dredging of the channels and berths.

(d) The dredging projects based on the requirement of the ports is taken up for global bidding with participation of global players. As per dredging policy in force any Indian Company owning Indian Flag Dredgers including Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) shall have the First Right of Refusal if the rate is with in 10% of the lowest valid offer.

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CRUISE SERVICE ON GANGA RIVER IN VARANASI

1079. SHRI G. C. CHANDRASHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently introduced cruise service on Ganga river in Varanasi and other river beds and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has engaged public and private sector in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of river-circuits identified by Government along with their promotion proposals;
- (d) the present status of construction of new Cruise Terminals in the country at various ports; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for this purpose?

ANSWER

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- (a) Various private companies are operating cruise vessels on National Waterway – 1 (Ganga), National Waterway – 2 (Brahmaputra) and waterways in Kerala. M/s Nordic Cruise Line Service Pvt. Ltd. has launched cruise service in Varanasi in August, 2018.
- (b) &(c) River cruise/tourism has been a regular feature on National Waterways-1 & 2 since last few years and Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) engages with private companies for development of river cruise tourism. Various companies namely M/s Heritage River Cruises India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Vivada Inland Waterways, M/s. Assam Bengal navigation Co. and M/s. Nordic Cruise Line Service Pvt. Ltd. operate their cruise vessels on NW-1 and Sundarbans waterways. M/s. Assam Bengal Navigation Company, M/s Far Horizon Co. are operating cruise vessels on NW-2. River tourism on NW-3 is already popular among domestic and foreign tourists. During the winter months of October-March, several tourist vessels carrying foreign and domestic tourists are regularly plying between Kaziranga and Dhubri in Assam; Patna/Varanasi, Kolkata and Sunderbans on Ganga; and throughout the year in the backwaters of Kerala.

Under the MoU and SOP on Passenger and Cruise Service on the Coastal and Protocol routes signed between India and Bangladesh, private cruise operators of both the countries commenced cruise services in March – April, 2019.

- (d) &(e) The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects for the development of Cruise Terminals and related infrastructure at the major ports as part of its schemes of assistance to central agencies. Details of the project status, amount sanctioned and released is at **Annex**.

**PROJECTS SANCTIONED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CRUISE TERMINAL/
UPGRADATION OF BERTH UNDER THE SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE TO CENTRAL
AGENCIES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. NO.	STATE / YEAR	NAME OF THE PROJECT	SANCTIONED AMOUNT	AMOUNT RELEASED	STATUS
1	Tamil Nadu 2012-2013	Cruise Terminal Building at Chennai Port, Chennai	1724.66	1724.66	Completed
2	Kerala 2012-2013	Development of dedicated Cruise Berthing facilities at Cochin Port	2243.32	2138.92	Completed
3	Goa 2014-2015	Cruise Terminal building at Mormugao Port, Goa	879.04	767.187	Completed
4	Kerala 2016-2017	Upgradation of Berths and backup area of Ernakulam Wharf, Kerala	2141.00	1070.50	Work under progress
5	Kerala 2016-2017	Development of Walkway / Promenade on Willingdon Island, Cochin	901.00	720.30	Work in progress
6	Maharashtra 2016-2017	Development of KanojiAngre Lighthouse to Mumbai Port Trust	1500.00	1500.00	Completed
7	Maharashtra 2017-2018	Upgradation / modernization at International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai	1250.00	1000.00	Work in progress
8	Goa 2018-2019	Improvement of Immigration facility and deepening of existing Cruise Berth at Mormugao Port, Goa	1316.40	658.20	Work in progress
9	Kerala 2018-2019	Developing infrastructure at Cochin Port Cruise Terminals	120.79	60.39	Work in progress
10	Kerala 2018-2019	Creation of additional Tourism Facility at the Cochin Port Trust	466.47	233.23	Work in progress
11	Andhra Pradesh 2018-2019	Construction of Cruise-cum-Coastal Cargo Terminal at Channel Berth area in outer harbour of Visakhapatnam Port	3850.00	1925.00	Work in progress

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1080
ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019

DEVELOPMENT OF CEZ THOOTHUKUDI, TAMIL NADU

1080. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to develop Coastal Economic Zones (CEZ) at Thoothukudi in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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(a,b&c) In the National Perspective Plan of Sagarmala Program released in April 2016, Government of India has identified a Coastal Employment Zone (CEZ) in Tamil Nadu including Thoothukudi as a potential district for development of CEZ. Policy to develop the CEZ has been taken up.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1081
ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019

COASTAL EMPLOYMENT ZONES

1081. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up Coastal Employment Zones (CEZs) along the coastline of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the same, State-wise;
- (c) whether Government has earmarked any job quota for the fishermen in these CEZs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for the same?

ANSWER

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(a to e) In the National Perspective Plan (NPP) of Sagarmala Program released in April 2016, 14 Coastal Economic Zones (CEZs) have been identified. Details are annexed. For the development of CEZ, an Inter-Ministerial Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of CEO, Niti Aayog for preparing the road map including the package of incentives for the CEZ development. Based on the IMC's recommendation, the process for finalization of policy for CEZ has been taken up. CEZ has enough employment potential for the coastal areas.

Annexure

	CEZ	Potential Districts	Port
1	Kachchh - Gujarat	Kachchh	Kandla, Mundra
2	Saurashtra - Gujarat	Junagarh, Amreli, Bhavnagar, Ahmedabad	Pipavav, Sikka
3	Suryapur - Gujarat	Bharuch, Surat, Navsari, Valsad	Dahej, Hazira
4	North Konkan - Maharashtra	Nashik, Thane, Mumbai, Pune, Raigarh	JNPT, Mumbai
5	South Konkan - Maharashtra	Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, North Goa, South Goa	Dighi, Jaigarh, Mormugao
6	DakshinKanara - Karnataka	Udupi, Dakshin Kannada, Kodagu, Mysore	Mangalore
7	Malabar - Kerala	Ernakulam, Alappuzha Kollam, Thiruvananthapuram	Kochi
8	Mannar - Tamil Nadu	Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi	Tuticorin
9	Poompuhar - Tamil Nadu	Cuddalore, Perambalur, Ariyalur, Tiruchirappallu, Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam	Cuddalore
10	VCIC South - Tamil Nadu	Thiruvallur, Chennai, Kancheepuram	Chennai, Ennore and Katupalli
11	VCIC Central - Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor, Nellore	Krishnapatnam
12	VCIC North - Andhra Pradesh	Guntur, Krishna, West Godavari, East Godavari, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam	Vizag, Kakinada
13	Kalinga - Odisha	Puri, Jagatsinghapur, Cuttack, Kendrapara, Jajapur, Bhadrak	Paradip, Dhamra
14	Gaud - West Bengal	PurbaMedinipur, South twenty Parganas	Kolkata, Haldia

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1082
ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019

DEVELOPMENT OF WATERWAYS

1082. DR. BANDA PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the potential of waterways in our country is immense;
- (b) whether NW-1 is a right step to explore waterways and develop them as an alternative to road and rail transport; and
- (c) the steps Government is taking to ensure that there are no undue delays in approving projects so that waterways can be developed at a sustainable cost and balance could be created between all modes of freight transport?

ANSWER

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- (a) Adequate potential exists in the country for the development of technically viable inland waterways as a supplementary mode of transport to roadways and railways. To tap this potential and promote shipping and navigation on inland waterways, 106 new National Waterways (NWs) have been declared, in addition to the existing five NWs, under the National Waterways Act, 2016.
- (b) National Waterway-1 is operational for shipping and navigation. The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is implementing the Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) for capacity augmentation of navigation on the Haldia – Varanasi stretch of NW-1 with the technical and part financial assistance of the World. The salient features of the project are development of various infrastructures interventions e.g. construction of multimodal/intermodal terminals, Ro-Ro terminals, a navigational lock, bunkering facilities, integrated vessel repair & maintenance facilities and development of fairway including automated information techniques of Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) and River Information System (RIS), day and night navigation aids, river training and river conservancy works.
- (c) National waterways development projects are approved and monitored by competent authorities in IWAI and Ministry of Shipping.

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NEW MAJOR PORTS AT DUGGARAJPATNAM, A.P.

1083. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Expert Committee constituted to examine the issue related to setting up of new major port at Duggarajapatnam in the State of Andhra Pradesh has submitted its report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether Government has asked it to expedite the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a)to(d) No, Sir. The Committee has been given extension of time for suitable traffic studies before submission of the Report.
