

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2051  
ANSWERED ON- 31.12.2018

**GST EXEMPTION FOR VALLAPADAM CONTAINER TERMINAL**

2051. SHRI K.K. RAGESH:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the memorandum from the Kerala Government to exempt the Vallapadam Container Terminal from GST is under consideration;
- (b) whether any concrete decisions were taken in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details therefor ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The proposal from the Kerala Government to exempt the Vallapadam Container Terminal from GST has been received and is under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2052**  
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**SHAREHOLDER PARTICIPATION OF IWAI IN KERALA WATERWAYS**

2052. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new stretches added to the National Waterways in Kerala and the status of its development including the detailed project report and estimated time of completion;
- (b) whether Government has agreed to participate as a shareholder through Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in Kerala Waterways and Infrastructure Ltd. (KWIL);
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including the percentage of shareholding by the IWAI;
- (d) whether Kerala Government had written a letter to the Central Government regarding share of participation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
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(a) National Waterway (NW-3) in Kerala from Kollam to Kottapuram of West Coast Canal and Champakara & Udyogamandal Canals (205 km) originally declared in 1993 is fully operational with 24 hours navigational facilities and eight permanent intermodal terminals with storage facilities and mechanized equipment for loading/ unloading of cargo. NW-3 was further extended by 165 km in the north up to Kozhikode from Kottapuram along with the following three new NWs connected to NW-3 in Kerala through National Waterways Act, 2016:

- i. NW-8 : Alapuzha-Changanassery Canal (29 km)
- ii. NW-9 : Alapuzha-Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal (40 km)
- iii. NW-59: Kottayam-Vaikom Canal (19 km)

The status of development of new NWs of Kerala is at **Annex**.

(b) to (e) The Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal for further expansion of NW-3, from Kollam to Kovalam 78 km in the south, and from Kozhikode to Bekal 205 km in the north. Further, for facilitating development of inland waterways in Kerala, the Government of Kerala vide its order dated 18.8.2018 has suggested formation of a new Public Limited Company, Kerala Waterways and Infrastructures Limited (KWIL) with Government of India/Inland Waterways Authority of India share of equity not exceeding 49% and the remaining equity to be held by Government of Kerala (26%) and Cochin International Airport Limited (25%). It has been decided to first undertake development in the existing stretch of NW-3 and not to extend it further.

**Status of development of new National Waterways in Kerala**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>New NWs</b>	<b>Status of Development</b>
1.	Extension of NW-3 (Kottapuram-Kozhikode on West Coast canal-165 km)	Detailed Project Report (DPR) being finalized by IWAI.
2.	NW-8: Alapuzha-Changanassery Canal (29 km)	DPR received*. Development proposed in 2019-20.
3.	NW-9: Alapuzha-Kottayam–Athirampuzha Canal (40 km) and	DPR received. Development initiated in 2017-18. Night navigation facilities have been procured and installed. Dredging is proposed Departmentally.
4.	NW-59: Kottayam-Vaikom Canal (19 km)	DPR received.*

\* Based on the findings of DPR, contours of development are to be drawn up.

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**IMPLEMENTATION OF NMDP FOR MEDIUM PORTS**

2053. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR :

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of National Maritime Development Programme(NMDP) being implemented by Government for expansion/development/modernisation of medium ports;
- (b) the details of such projects implemented or proposed to be implemented under public private partnership mode;
- (c) the funds allocated and released for the purchase, during each of the last three years and the current year along with the requirement of funds for implementation of these projects, port wise ; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by Government to expedite the work of these projects and the progress made so far in this regard and implementation of the remaining projects, port wise?

**ANSWER**

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(a) Under the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP), 276 projects were identified for implementation over the period from 01.04.2005 to 31.03.2012. These projects include construction/upgradation of berths, deepening of channels, rail/road connectivity projects, equipment upgradation/modernisation for creation of backup facilities. Total investment involved under the Programme was Rs.1,00,339 crores, out of which, Rs.55,804 crores was for the Port Sector and the balance was for the Shipping and Inland Water Transport Sectors.

(b)&(c) The port wise position of projects implemented and projects under implementation under Public Private Partnership mode is given **Annexure I**. Expansion, modernization and upgradation of Major Ports in the country is an ongoing process to keep the ports abreast with new technologies and also to promote trade and cargo. The process inter-alia involves construction of new berths and terminals, mechanization of existing berth and terminals, capital dredging for deepening of drafts for attracting large vessels in port channels, road and rail connectivity etc. Port projects are generally implemented from either Port fund or through raising debt and also under PPP mode. The GBS released to various Major Ports during 2018-19 and the preceding three years is given at **Annexure II**.

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(d): Government of India has taken many steps to expedite the early completion of projects such as enhanced delegation of financial power to Major Ports, revised security clearance guidelines issued for bidders in respect of PPP and dredging projects, revising guidelines issued by Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP) to fix market determined rate etc. The Model Concession Agreement (MCA) for PPP projects in port sector has also been revised.

Annexure I

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Port</b>	<b>PPP Projects implemented</b>	<b>PPP Projects under implementation</b>
1.	Kolkata	2	1
2.	Paradip	8	3
3.	Vishakhapatnam	8	2
4.	Kamarajar (Ennore)	4	3
5.	Chennai	3	-
6.	V.O Chidambarnar (Tuticorin)	4	1
7.	Cochin	4	
8.	New Mangalore	2	1
9.	Mormugao	2	1
10.	Mumbai	1	-
11.	Jawaharlal Nehru	4	1
12.	Deendayal (Kandla)	9	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>15</b>

**Annexure II**

**GBS granted to Major Ports**

<b>Sl. NO.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Fund Released (Rs. in Crores)</b>
1	<b>2015-16</b>	204.99
2	<b>2016-17</b>	254.62
3	<b>2017-18</b>	291.68
4	<b>2018-19</b> <b>(As on 30.11.2018)</b>	379.21

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**RORO SERVICES BETWEEN DHUBRI AND HATSINGMARI**

2054. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of status of National Waterway-4;
- (b) by when fairway development and floating terminals at Muktiyala and Vijayawada are going to be established;
- (c) whether RoRo services on the lines, started between Dhubri and Hatsingmari are going to be introduced in NW-4; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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(a) & (b) The Kakinada-Puducherry stretch of canals and the Kaluvelly tank, Bhadrachalam-Rajahmundry stretch of river Godavari and Wazirabad - Vijayawada stretch of river Krishna with a total length of 1,078 kms was declared as National Waterway-4 (NW-4) in 2008. The stretch was further extended upto Nashik in Godavari and upto Galagali in river Krishna in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry under the National Waterways Act, 2016. The length of NW-4 is 2890 kms and it is planned to be developed in three phases :-

- i. Phase-I: - Vijayawada to Muktyala stretch of Krishna River.
- ii. Phase-II: - Kakinada to Vijayawada and Rajahmundry to Polavaram after completion of Phase-I .
- iii. Phase-III :- Remaining stretches of NW-4 after completion of Phase-I and Phase-II

Development work of Phase-I of NW-4 at a cost of Rs. 96 crore has already commenced. The Status of work for development of fairway and terminals is at **Annex**.

- (c) Ro-Ro Services between Ibrahimpatnam & Lingayapalam, for transportation of construction materials on NW-4 (river Krishna) is already under operation, which is on similar lines to that of Dhubri and Hatsingimari.
- (d) Does not arise.

**Annexure**

Status of Fairway Development and Terminals in Phase-I, Vijayawada to Muktyala stretch of river Krishna, (NW-4)

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Work</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	Dredging from Vijayawada to Muktyala.	In progress with scheduled completion by June, 2019
2.	Four Floating Terminals at – a. DurgaGhat b. Bhavani Island c. Amravati d. Vedadri	Establishment of floating terminals to be completed by March, 2019.
3.	Three Fixed Terminals at – a. Ibrahimpatnam b. Harischandrapuram c. Muktyala	Land acquisition for the construction of terminals is in progress in consultation with the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

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**ESTABLISHMENT OF DUGARAJAPATNAM PORT**

2055. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any progress in the establishment of Dugarajapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether the work could not commence, though A.P. Reorganisation Act, mandates that the first phase of the Port shall be completed by 2018; and
- (c) whether State has brought any alternative proposals before Government instead of construction of Dugarajapatnam Port and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
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(a) to (c) The development of a new Major Port at Duggirajapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh is included in Schedule XIII of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014. The development of new Major Port at Duggirajapatnam was examined by NITI Aayog in consultation with Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Finance and Government of Andhra Pradesh and it has been concluded that the project will not be viable due to strong competition from nearby Ports of Krishnapatnam, Ennore and Chennai which are 40, 80 & 80 Kms away respectively from the proposed Port. Ministry of Shipping has requested Government of Andhra Pradesh to furnish comments on the recommendations of NITI Aayog along with suggestions for alternate site (s) for development of a Major Port. However, State Government of Andhra Pradesh has not brought any alternate proposal before Government.

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**DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MAJOR PORT AT DUGARAJPATNAM**

2056. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:  
SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per the provision of AP Reorganisation Act, 2014, Government is going to develop a new major port at Dugarajapatnam with a target to complete phase I by end of 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry is considering or has taken a final decision to fulfil the mandatory assurance given in the act for the said port;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
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(a) to (e) The development of a new Major Port at Duggirajapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh is included in Schedule XIII of the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014. The development of new Major Port at Duggirajapatnam was examined by NITI Aayog in consultation with Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Finance and Government of Andhra Pradesh and it has been concluded that the project will not be viable due to strong competition from nearby Ports of Krishnapatnam, Ennore and Chennai which are 40, 80 & 80 Kilometres away, respectively, from the proposed Port. Ministry of Shipping has requested Government of Andhra Pradesh to furnish comments on the recommendations of NITI Aayog along with suggestions for alternate site (s) for development of a Major Port. The response from Government of Andhra Pradesh is still awaited. Ministry of Shipping, in the meanwhile, has constituted an Expert Committee to examine the issue and recommend further course of action.

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