

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2090
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2025

OPERATIONALIZATION OF NATIONAL WATERWAYS 5 AND 64

2090. SMT. SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state

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- (a) whether the Government has prepared a detailed implementation timeline for the recently announced Rs. 12,200-crore project to operationalise National Waterways-5 and 64 through the Inland Waterways Consortium of Odisha Limited (IWCOL), particularly regarding terminal construction, dredging requirements, and navigation system deployment;
- (b) the projected annual freight capacity, reduction in rail-road congestion, and expected decrease in logistics cost for bulk cargo transported from the Talcher coalfields to Paradip and Dhamra ports, Odisha under the new inland water transport corridor, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the cargo commitment details, particularly the quantum assured by Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) for ensuring viability of the waterways in the initial years, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to evaluate environmental, livelihood, and land acquisition impacts along NW-5 and NW-64 and publish district level assessments for Odisha, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (c) The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for National Waterways-5 and 64 is under finalization.

(d) Yes, the Government proposes to evaluate the environmental, livelihood and land acquisition impact along NW-5. IWA has already floated the tender for the Environmental Impact Assessment-Environment Management Plan-Social Impact Assessment (EIA-EMP-SIA). The recommendations related to compliance of the laid down norms as prescribed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change will be followed.
