

## Development of Eight New National Waterways

The Government has commenced work on development of eight new National Waterways; their details and operational status is given below.

Declared Stretch of NW	Status
<p><b>1. River Barak (NW-16):</b> <b>Bhanga – Lakhipur Stretch of 121 km.</b></p>	Under Phase-1, the stretch between Silchar to Bhanga (71 km) has been taken up for development. Waterway is operational with limited infrastructure facility.
<p><b>2. River Gandak (NW-37):</b> Bhaisalotan Barrage near TriveniGhat to confluence with Ganga river at Hajipur (296 km) in Bihar and UP.</p>	Development works have commenced from Ganga confluence to Bagaha Bridge (250 km approx.) stretch of NW-37 under Phase-1.
<p><b>Waterways in Goa</b></p> <p>3. <b>NW-27-Cumberjua</b> – confluence with Zuari to confluence with Mandovi river (17 km)</p> <p>4. <b>NW 68 – Mandovi</b>– Usgaon Bridge to Arabian Sea (41 km)</p> <p>5. <b>NW 111 – Zuari</b>– Sanvordem Bridge to Marmugao Port (50 km).</p>	Development works for expansion/ setting up of floating jetties and upgradation/ installation of navigational aids is underway. NWs of Goa are operational.
<p><b>6. Alappuzha – Kottayam – Athirampuzha Canal (NW-9)</b> :Boat Jetty, Alappuzha to Athirampuzha (38 km) in Kerala.</p>	Development work in the Alappuzha-Kottayam stretch has commenced under Phase-1 for cargo movement. Waterway is already operational for ferry services.
<p><b>7. River Rupnarayan (NW-86):</b> Confluence of Dwarkeshwar and Silai rivers (Pratappur) to confluence with Hooghly river (Geonkhali) (72 km) in West Bengal.</p>	Approximately 34 kms between Geonkhali to Kolaghat stretch has been taken up for development under Phase-I.
<p><b>8. Sunderbans Waterways (NW-97):</b> Namkhana to AtharaBankiKhal&amp; 13 connected rivers (654 km) in West</p>	Phase-I development work of this waterway from Namkhana to AtharaBankiKhal (172 km) has been taken up. Waterway is already operational under

Bengal.	Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) route.
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Shri Mansukh L Mandavia, Minister of State for Shipping gave this information in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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