

Development of Waterways in Karnataka

The details and status of development of the five National Waterways in Karnataka is as follows

STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT OF 5 NATIONAL WATERWAYS IN KARNATAKA

Sl. No.	River/Canal (NWs)	Length (km)	Status
1.	KABINI RIVER (NW-51)	23	Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) are under finalization in consultation with Govt. of Karnataka
2.	GURUPUR RIVER (NW-43)	10	
3.	NETRAVATHI RIVER (NW-74)	30	
4.	KALI RIVER (NW-52)	53	
5.	SHARAVATI RIVER (NW-90)	29	

Inland Water Transport (IWT) mode is widely recognized as an environment friendly and cost effective mode of transport. As per RITES Report of 2014 on Integrated National Waterways Transportation Grid, 1 litre of fuel moves 24 tonne - km on road, 95 tonne-km on rail and 215 tonne-km on IWT. The cost of movement of freight by the three modes of transport is given below:

Mode	Railways	Highways	IWT
Freight (Rs./T.km)	1.36	2.50	1.06

In addition to the economic and environmental benefits, IWT aims to create for the shippers and logistic players, an alternative to the two dominant modes of transport i.e. road and rail.

Minister of State for Shipping Shri Pon Radhakrishnan gave this information in reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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