

Status of National Waterway-4

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Shipping informed Rajya Sabha in reply to a question today that 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 case of Godavari and upto Galagali in case of river Krishna, in the states of 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 as follows :

Sl. No.	Work	Status
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.

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.

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