

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.778
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2024

DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN VESSELS

778 SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government would invest ₹60,000 crores by 2047 in development of green vessels and river cruise tourism and if so, the details thereof/shortcomings identified and corrective steps being taken/results yielded till now along with funds sanctioned/spent till date, State-wise also where there are demands, rural and urban area-wise for the last five years; and
- (b) the details of demands received from States and action taken, project-wise also and details of rejected proposals till now along with reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (b): Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has launched 'Harit Nauka' Guidelines for development of Green Vessels for complete transition to Green Vessels by 2047 and the Roadmap for River Cruise Tourism in the country on 08.01.2024.

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) develops and regulates National Waterways (NWs) for shipping & navigation. The infrastructure developed for transportation on NWs by IWAI including fairway, terminals, jetties, navigation aids etc. are used by the river tourism operators also. IWAI plays the role of an infrastructure provider and technical facilitator for cruise/river tourism on NWs.

The funds sanctioned for development of green vessels for National Waterway-1 (NW-1) and National Waterway-2 (NW-2) and floating jetties on NW-2 by IWAI are at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.778 ANSWERED ON 08.02.2024 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN VESSELS BY SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV

Details of funds sanctioned for development of green vessels for National Waterway-1 (NW-1) and National Waterway-2 (NW-2) and floating jetties on NW-2 by IWAI

- i. 8 nos. Hybrid Electric Catamaran at a total cost of Rs.144 crore are provisioned for development of green vessels for NW-1 (Ganga River) and NW-2 (Brahmaputra River). From this, one each Hybrid Electric Catamaran have been delivered at Ayodhya and Varanasi.
- ii. 7 nos. tourist jetties have been sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.11.83 crore for placement on NW-2 (Jogighopa, Pandu, Biswanath Ghat, Neamati, Sadiya, Lika and Orium) for use of tourists for embarking/disembarking.
- iii. Construction of 62 Community Jetties has been taken up by IWAI on National Waterway-1 between Varanasi and Haldia, to cater to the berthing of cruise vessels at a total cost of 126.62 crore.
