

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2380**  
ANSWERED ON 21/03/2023

**SHALLOW WATER IN GANGA RIVER**

2380. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:

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

- (a) whether the Ganga river has enough water for cruise boats to ply on it; and
- (b) whether it is a fact that the newly launched Ganga Vilas cruise got stuck in Bihar due to shallow water in the Ganga river?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Least Available Depth (LAD) in river Hooghly-Bhagirathi-Ganga (Tribeni-Prayagraj) is recorded by regular fortnightly/monthly Hydrographic survey and is published by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) for Waterways users/operators for safe navigation of vessels and cruise boats.
- (b) No, Sir. The cruise vessel Ganga Vilas successfully completed its voyage from Varanasi to Dibrugarh as per schedule.

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