



# Dredging in Brahmaputra & Barak

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National Waterway-2 (NW-2), Brahmaputra river, from Dhubri to Sadiya (891 km) in Assam, is an operational waterway for shipping and navigation. Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) undertakes regular maintenance dredging annually on NW-2 for maintaining the navigable channel of 2.5 m depth between Dhubri and Neamati; 2.0 m depth between Neamati & Dibrugarh and 1.5 m depth between Dibrugarh and Oriumghat.

The maintenance dredging work on NW-16 Barak river, for the development of navigable channel of required depth and width between Silchar and Bhanga, a distance of 70 km., has commenced on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 and the work is scheduled to be completed by January, 2019.

The details of the funds allocated and utilized for development of fairway in NW-2 and NW-16 during 2016-17 and 2017-18 are given below:

National Waterways	Year	Funds Allocated (Rs. in lakhs)	Expenditure in Lakhs (Rs. in lakhs)
NW-2	2016-17	681.14	373.88
	2017-18	784.90	306.52 (up to November, 2017)
NW-16	2016-17	NIL	NIL
	2017-18	700.00	(Work commenced on 18.11.2017)

This information was given by the Minister of State for Shipping Shri Pon. Radhakrishnan in written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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