

National Waterway No. 2 (NW-2)

Brahmaputra river from Sadiya to Dhubri (891 kms)

NW-2 provides round the year connectivity to Assam and through Assam to other North Eastern States like Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram and Manipur.

As a result of the development activities undertaken by IWAI on NW-2, Least Available Depth (LAD) of 2 m is maintained between Dhubri and Dibrugarh and 1.5 m between Dibrugarh and Sadiya throughout the year. The situation is expected to further improve with the deployment of four more Cutter Suction Dredgers (CSDs) on NW-2 by March 2010. IWAI is also regularly issuing fortnightly 'river notices' for the entire stretch of NW-2 (monthly during the flood season). 24 hour night navigation facilities are in place upto Neamati (629 km) and this is to be extended upto Dibrugarh (768 km) by October, 2009. The entire stretch upto Sadiya (891 km) is proposed to be covered by September, 2010. A new DGPS station is being commissioned at Jogighopa by September 2009 and once the proposed DGPS stations at Tezpur and Dibrugarh are also commissioned by September, 2010, all navigational aids necessary for safe navigation would be in place on NW-2. These facilities would considerably reduce the turn around time for cargo operators. Timely supply of ODC would also result in timely completion of prestigious mega projects.



.Regular movement of ODC on NW-2 is taking place and in the months of May-June 2009, a 166 MT HP Separator were transported from Kolkata to Bongaigaon. IWAI provides all requisite support including pilotage to the cargo vessels. Additionally, bunkering facilities is provided by the Terminal Operator at Pandu River Port, Guwahati.



Information available with Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) indicate that significant ODC movement is proposed during the current financial year on NW-2. Details are as under :

SL. No.	Cargo Details	From	To	Period
1	ODC of 1200 MT (Subansiri Hydel Project)	Kolkata	Tezpur	
2	600 MT ODC for Cement Plant	Kolkata	Meghalaya	
3	150 MT ODC for Cement Plant	Kolkata	Meghalaya	
4	2500 /3000 MT ODC of ONGC	Kolkata	Badarpur	
5	Power plant ODC of BHEL	Kolkata	Agaratala (via Badarpur terminal)	