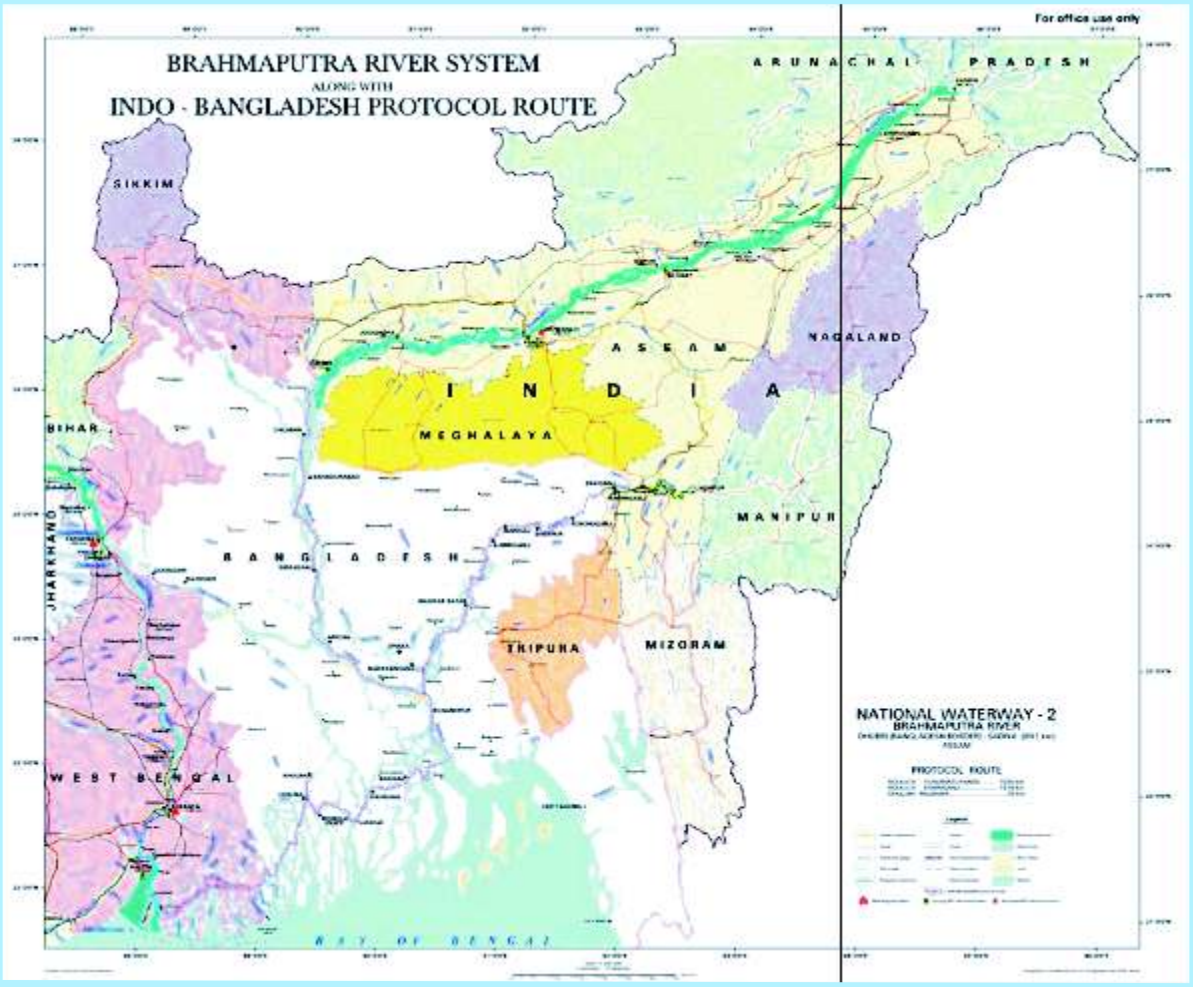
Indo-Bangladesh Inland Water Transit and Trade Protocol

An Inland Water Transit and Trade Protocol exists between India and Bangladesh. National Waterway No.2 connects North Eastern region with Kolkata and Haldia ports through specified routes of Bangladesh and Sunderbans waterways.



The Protocol has following routes:

- Kolkata - Pandu - Kolkata
- Kolkata - Karimganj - Kolkata
- Pandu - Karimganj - Pandu
- Dhulian - Rajshahi - Dhulian

The ports of call include Kolkata, Haldia, Pandu and Karimganj in India and Narayanganj, Khulna, Mongla and Sirajganj in Bangladesh. Protocol is currently renewed upto 31st March, 2011. For India, IWAI is the Competent Authority relating to IWT operations under Protocol while Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) is the Competent Authority for Bangladesh.

Information available with IWAI indicate that considerable movement of Over Dimensional Cargo (ODC) is expected to take place in the next one year since heavy machinery for Tripura power plant being set up at Palatana by ONGC is expected to take place via Ashuganj in Bangladesh. Details are as under:

SL. No.	Cargo Details	From	To	Period
1	325 MT Gas Turbine Frame 9A	Haldia	Palatana	Dec., 09 & June 10
2	110 MT HP -ST K Module 125 MW	Haldia	Palatana	July 10 to Sept. 10
3	235 MT ST Gen Stator 125 MW	Haldia	Palatana	Dec 09 & Dec 10
4	220 MT GTG 250 MW Stator	Haldia	Palatana	March 10 & March 11
5	175 MT HRSG-HP Drum	Haldia	Palatana	March 10
6	38 MT HRSG-IP Drum	Haldia	Palatana	Feb. 10
7	25 MT HRSG-LP Drum	Haldia	Palatana	March 10
8	105 MT HRSG Module	Haldia	Palatana	Aug. 09 & March 10
9	11 MT HRSG Headers	Haldia	Palatana	Jan. 10 to March 10
10	176 MT 214 MVA GTG Transformer	Haldia	Palatana	July 10 & August 10
11	138 MT 142 MVA STG Transformer	Haldia	Palatana	July 10 & August 10
12	116 MT 125 MVA Auto Transformer	Haldia	Palatana	July 10 & August 10
13	78 MT 80 MVAR Shunt Reactor	Haldia	Palatana	July 10 & August 10
14	75 MT 50 MVAR Shunt Reactor	Haldia	Palatana	July 10 & August 10