

## **2. PREFACE**

- 2.1** Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is a statutory body under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Government of India. IWAI was set up in 1986 for regulation and development of Inland Waterways for the purposes of shipping and navigation. IWAI is primarily responsible for development, maintenance and regulation of Inland Water Transport (IWT) in the country and specifically National Waterways (NW).
- 2.2** Inland Waterways Authority of India primarily undertook the work of development activities in 5 National waterways i.e National Waterway No-1 (Allahabad-Haldia Stretch of the Ganga Bhagirathi- Hooghly River) Act, 1982, National Waterway No-2 (Sadiya-Dhubri Stretch of Brahmaputra River) Act, 1988, National Waterway No 3 (Kollam-Kottapuram Stretch of West Coast Canal and Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals) Act, 1992 , National Waterway No-4 (Talcher-Dhamra Stretch of Rivers, Geonkhali- Charbatia Stretch of East Coast Canal, Charbatia-Dhamra Stretch of Matai River and Mahanadi Delta Rivers) Act, 2008 and National Waterway No-5 (Kakinada-Puducherry Stretch of Canals and the Kaluvelly Tank, Bhadrachalam-Rajahmundry Stretch of River Godavari and Wazirabad- Vijayawada Stretch of River Krishna) Act, 2008 under the ambit of IWAI Act 1985.
- 2.3** Among the various interventions being undertaken by IWAI is construction of multi modal terminal, setting up of floating terminals at various locations, setting up of RIS services, provision of Ro-Ro services dredging across the across the aforementioned national waterways.
- 2.4** The Parliament of India in the year 2016 enacted the National Waterways Act 2016 vide which additional 106 National Waterways were declared. Total 5 nos National Waterways either pass through or are in the state of Gujarat.
- 2.5** After declaration of National Waterways, IWAI prepared the FSR in the first instance and the waterways that were found feasible, DPR's were prepared for these National Waterways. The FSR and DPR can be accessed through the links <http://iwai.nic.in/fsr-report> and <http://iwai.nic.in/waterways/dpr-report> respectively.
- 2.6** From the point of view of development based on the cargo potential, tourism potential IWAI categorised national waterways into 3 categories A, B, C.

- 2.7** As IWAI in the recent past was mostly looking into NWs which have sizeable cargo potential, it was decided that we may explore the possibility of cruise tourism across NWs considering the diversity of ethnicity and nature across NWs in India in lines with Gol policy on Cruise Tourism
- 2.8** Based on the above premise, IWAI prepared an *action plan and road map for development of river cruise in India* which is under the final process of approval. In continuation of the same, Ganga-Vilas, the world's longest river cruise which sailed through NW-1, Indo Bangladesh Protocol Route and NW-2.
- 2.9** Buoyed by the success of Ganga Vilas cruise, it was felt that we may explore the option of plying the cruise across the NWs in the State of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and Kerala which has been blessed with ethnic and natural diversity of Western Ghats.
- 2.10** IWAI will provide infrastructural support in promoting river cruise tourism across the NWs in the State of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and Kerala.
- 2.11** The Chairman, IWAI through this Eol is desirous of inviting Expression of Interest (Eol) from applicant(s) to submit their applications for organizing cruises in the aforementioned States.
- 2.12** The interested applicants can submit an Eol as per the format prescribed in this document. After assessing the Eol, IWAI will take further necessary action
- 2.13** The Eol is available on IWAI website as well as CPPP (Central Public Procurement Portal) as per the following salient dates

Date of downloading of documents	21.04.2023 @ 1800 hrs
Date of online pre-Proposal meeting	03.05.2023 @ 1400 hrs
Date of submission of bids	20.05.2023 @ 1800 hrs
Date of opening of bids	22.05.2023 @ 1030 hrs

- 2.14** The link for pre-proposal meeting is as follows

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83353090075?pwd=dTdadlFIUldnOUhBcHZ4Zk45YzNFdz09>

Meeting ID: [833 5309 0075](#)

Passcode: 0kqhV1

- 2.15** The applicants should the Eol as per the format prescribed herein on <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> with all the supporting documents.

**2.16** Interested firms/ companies/ joint ventures/consortium may obtain further information at the following address.

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