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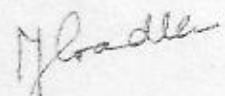
Dear Shri Arun Jaitely,

Commencement of viable commercial navigation on downstream of Allahabad on Ganga in the next 6 years time is an avowed goal of my Ministry. Based on the Detailed Feasibility Study, a project, inter-alia, for constructing four navigational barrages, two each between on Buxar-Varanasi and Varanasi-Allahabad stretch of river Ganga to provide Least Available Depth (LAD) of three meters for navigation has been proposed.

The first tranche of \$50 million for the Project has already been posed by Ministry of Finance to World Bank for founding. To enable this Rs. 60 crore additional allocation has been proposed for the Inland Waterways Transport sector under plan fund.

I shall be grateful, if you could accommodate this additional Rs. 60 crore grant for Ganga in the proposed plan budget of 2014-15 for the Ministry of Shipping.

Yours sincerely,

  
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