Service provided by IWAI

Successful and timely completion of movement of ODC requires coordinated action by the private operators and IWAI officials. Towards this end, IWAI is now in a position to provide the following services which would facilitate quick turn around of vessels/barges carrying ODC:

- Assurance of minimum LAD in various stretches of National Waterways and Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route
- Smooth passage through Farakka Lock Gate within six hours
- Electronic river charts for the entire river stretch
- DGPS facility from Farakka to Barh on NW -1 and Bangladesh border to Pandu on NW - 2
- Night navigation facilities right upto Varanasi on NW -1 and from Bangladesh border to Dibrugarh on NW -2 and entire stretch of NW- 3.
- River pilotage
- Anchoring facility on various fixed and floating terminals of IWAI
- Bunkering facility at Patna /Pandu River Ports

As a consolidated fee for providing the aforesaid facilities, IWAI will charge @ Rs.2.00 per tonne per km which the private operator will need to pay in advance to IWAI. In case there is delay in movement of ODC on account of deficiency in above service rendered, IWAI will pay a penalty of Rs.10,000 per day to the operator. Chairman/Vice Chairman, IWAI will be the sole and final arbitrator in case of any dispute between the private operator and IWAI.

The aforesaid fee will be levied by IWAI with effect from 1st October, 2009.
Partners in Development

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is committed to provide all facilities and support to promote movement of ODC on the National Waterways and Indo-Bangladesh Protocol route so as to ensure timely and safe delivery of ODC needed for completion of major infrastructure projects. Completion of development works relating to fairway, navigational aids, terminal facilities etc. on the National Waterways have considerably eased the difficulties encountered in such movement in the past and it is our endeavour that the difficulties are further minimized. Keeping in view the cost benefits, we believe that ODC movement on National Waterways will become the preferred mode for cargo movers.