GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA
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IMPACT OF NATIONAL INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS PROGRAMME

2482 SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has evaluated the impact of the National Inter-Linking of Rivers Programme (ILP) on the rainfall patterns of the country and climate change;
(b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
(c) the details of Karnataka's share in the diverted/transferred water by the National Inter- Linking of Rivers Programme (ILP) under Peninsular Rivers Component of the programme over the past twenty years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) & (b) The National Inter-Linking of Rivers programme involves storage and transfer of waters from water surplus basins to water scarce basins, which is a risk mitigation measure to protect from the variability of climate change.

(c) Share of divertible / transferred water for the States, including Karnataka, under Inter- Linking of Rivers (ILR) Programme can be arrived at only on finalization of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the respective links. The DPRs themselves can be finalized only after there is consensus among the concerned States for the same.

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