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RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1368

ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

OBSTACLES IN RIVER LINKING PROJECT IN TELANGANA

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the river linking project is under active consideration of Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Telangana Government is creating obstacles/not showing interest in this project; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (b) Under the National Perspective Plan (NPP), National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component & 14 under Himalayan Component) . Out of 30 identified links , Pre-Feasibility Reports (PFRs) of all the 30 links, Feasibility Reports (FRs) of 24 links and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of eight links have been completed. Details and current status of all the proposals for inter-state linking of rivers under the Inter Linking of Rivers (ILR) Programme is furnished at **Annexure**.

The Ken- Betwa link is the first link under NPP for which implementation has started. The Govt. of India has approved the implementation of KBLP in December, 2021 with an estimated cost of Rs 44,605 crore (at year 2020-21 price level) with a central support of Rs. 39,317 crore.

Government of India has accorded top priority to the ILR programme, which is being pursued in a consultative manner by building consensus amongst the party States for implementation of the link projects. The implementation of the link projects would, however, depend upon the party States to reach a consensus.

(c) to (d) The river link projects involving the State of Telangana, inter alia, include Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Pulichintala) link and the alternate Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link. Feasibility Report of Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Pulichintala) link and Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link have been completed. Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link is a segment of Godavari (Inchampalli) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link project envisaging diversion of about 7000 Million Cubic Meteres (MCM) of water from Godavari basin to Krishna, Pennar and Cauvery basins. The DPR of this

link was completed and finalized after incorporating feasible views of the concerned States in April, 2021.

However, the party States, including Telangana, have raised concerns related to surplus waters availability in Godavari basin and quantum of allocation of waters to the States. Four consultation meetings with the party States / Union Territory (UT) have been held so far. As decided during the consultation meeting held on 18.02.2022, a Technical Feasibility Report (TFR) has also been prepared by NWDA to recast the proposal limiting the transfer from 7000 MCM to about 4000 MCM of waters from Godavari basin in the interim phase, along with combining the proposal for supplementation in Krishna basin through Bedti-Varda link. The revised proposal has been deliberated with the party States during the consultation meeting held on 18.10.2022 and efforts made to arrive at a consensus among the Party States for implementation of the link project. The implementation of the link project, however, depends upon the party States to reach a consensus.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1368 ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 19.12.2022 REGARDING “OBSTACLES IN RIVER LINKING PROJECT IN TELANGANA”.

Details and status of the proposals for inter-state linking of rivers under the Inter Linking of Rivers Programme

S.No	Name	Rivers	States concerned	Status
Peninsular Component				
1(a)	Mahanadi (Manibhadra)–Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link	Mahanadi and Godavari	Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Karnataka and Maharashtra	FR Completed.
1(b)	Mahanadi (Bermul)–Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link	Mahanadi and Godavari	do	FR Completed.
2	Godavari(Inchampall)-Krishna(Pulichintala) link	Godavari and Krishna	Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka	FR Completed.
3	Godavari(Inchampalli)-Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link	Godavari and Krishna	--do--	FR Completed.
				DPR Completed.
4	Godavari(Polavaram) - Krishna(Vijayawada) link	Godavari and Krishna	--do--	FR Completed.
5	Krishna(Almatti) –Pennar link	Krishna and Pennar	Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka	FR Completed.
6	Krishna (Srisailem)–Pennar link	Krishna and Pennar	--do--	FR Completed.
7	Krishna(Nagarjunasagar)-Pennar (Somasila) link	Krishna and Pennar	--do--	FR Completed.
				DPR Completed.
8	Pennar (Somasila)–Cauvery(Grand Anicut) link	Pennar and Cauvery	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry	FR Completed.
				DPR Completed.
9	Cauvery (Kattalai)–Vaigai–Gundar link	Cauvery, Vaigai and Gundar	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry	DPR Completed.
10	Ken–Betwa link	Ken and Betwa	Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh	DPR Completed. KBLP has been approved.

11 (i)	Parbati – Kalisindh – Chambal link	Parbati, Kalisindh and Chambal	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan requested to be Consulted during consensus building)	FR Completed.
(ii)	Parbati-Kuno-Sindh link	Parbati, Kuno and Sindh	Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan	PFR completed.\$
12	Par-Tapi-Narmada link	Par, Tapi and Narmada	Maharashtra and Gujarat	DPR Completed.
13	Damanganga – Pinjal link	Damanganga and Pinjal	--do--	DPR Completed.
14	Bedti-Varada link	Bedti and Varada	Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka	PFR Completed. Draft DPR completed
15	Netravati – Hemavati link	Netravati and Hemavati	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala	PFR Completed.
16	Pamba - Achankovil – Vaippar link	Pamba, Achankovil and Vaippar	Kerala and Tamil Nadu	FR Completed.

\$ Integration of Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project of Rajasthan and Parbati – Kalisindh – Chambal link.

Himalayan Component				
1.	Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga(M-S-T-G)link	Manas, Sankosh, Tista and Ganga	BHUTAN&INDIA (Assam, West Bengal and Bihar)	FR completed.
2.	Kosi-Ghaghra link	Kosi and Ghaghra	NEPAL&INDIA (Bihar and Uttar Pradesh)	PFR completed
3.	Gandak-Ganga link	Gandak and Ganga	--do--	FR completed (Indian portion)
4.	Ghaghra-Yamuna link	Ghaghra and Yamuna	--do--	FR completed (Indian portion)
5.	Sarda-Yamuna link	Sarda and Yamuna	NEPAL&INDIA (Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana And Rajasthan)	FR completed (Indian portion)
6.	Yamuna-Rajasthan link	Yamuna and Sukri	Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh	FR completed
7.	Rajasthan-Sabarmati link	Sabarmati	--do--	FR completed

8.	Chunar-Sone Barrage link	Ganga and Sone	Bihar and Uttar Pradesh	Draft FR completed
9.	Sone Dam – Southern Tributaries of Ganga link	Sone and Badua	Bihar and Jharkhand	PFR completed
10.	Ganga (Farakka)-Damodar-Subernarekha link	Ganga, Damodar and Subernarekha	West Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand	FR completed DPR in progress
11.	Subernarekha-Mahanadi link	Subernarekha and Mahanadi	West Bengal and Odisha	FR completed
12.	Kosi-Mechi Link	Kosi and Mechi	NEPAL & INDIA (Bihar and West Bengal)	PFR completed
13.	Ganga (Farakka)-Sunderbans link	Ganga and Ichhamati	West Bengal	FR completed
14.	Jogighopa-Tista-Farakka link (Alternative to M-S-T-G)	Manas, Tista and Ganga	Assam, Bihar and West Bengal	Dropped

- PFR- Pre Feasibility Report
- FR- Feasibility Report
- DPR- Detailed Project Report
