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INTERLINKING OF INTER-STATE RIVERS IN MADHYA PRADESH

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Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

the details of the proposal for linking of inter-State rivers in Madhya Pradesh under the interlinking of rivers programme ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

The National Perspective Plan (NPP) for development of water resources was formulated by Government of India in 1980. 30 link projects have been identified under the NPP. The NPP has two components viz; Himalayan Rivers Development Component (14 link projects) and Peninsular Rivers Development Component (16 link projects).

Under the NPP, there are 2 ILR projects benefitting the State of Madhya Pradesh, the details of which are as under:

1. Ken-Betwa Link Project (KBLP) is a multi-purpose project with irrigation, hydro-power and water supply benefits. The project will provide annual irrigation to an area of 10.62 lakh ha (8.11 lakh ha in MP and 2.51 lakh ha in Uttar Pradesh) in the Chhattarpur, Tikamgarh, Panna, Sagar, Damoh and Datia districts of MP and Banda, Mahoba, Jhansi and Lalitpur districts of Uttar Pradesh (UP) in Bundelkhand region as well as to the Vidisha, Shivpuri and Raisen districts of MP. The project envisages, inter alia, to provide 194 Million Cubic Metre (MCM) of water for *en route* drinking water supply to a population of 62 lakh (41 lakh in MP and 21 lakh in UP) and also to generate 103 MW of hydro-power and 27 MW of solar power.

The Government of India approved the project for implementation in December, 2021 at an estimated cost of Rs. 44,605 crore (2020-21 price level) with central support of Rs 39,317 crore. Gazette notification was issued in February 2022 constituting a Steering Committee and a Special Purpose Vehicle, viz; Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA) for the implementation of KBLP jointly by the Government of India and the State Governments of MP and UP. Three meetings of the Steering Committee of Ken-Betwa Link Project (SC-KBLP) have been held; the third meeting was held on 18.01.2023. Two meetings of the KBLPA have also been held, the second meeting was held on 13.09.2022. Initially, the focus is on land acquisition, R&R, fulfilling the compliances to the conditions of forest clearance and wildlife clearance.

2. Parbati -Kalisindh- Chambal (PKC) link project, as planned originally under NPP, could not materialise due to lack of consensus on water sharing between Madhya Pradesh (MP) and Rajasthan. In the meanwhile, Government of Rajasthan also formulated Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) to utilize surplus water resources available in the catchments of some of the sub-basins of Chambal basin viz. Kalisindh and Parbati sub-basins, to meet water demands, particularly for the drinking water supply in 13 districts of eastern Rajasthan. Accordingly, a proposal of Modified PKC (integration of ERCP with PKC link) link has been framed to utilise the water in entire Chambal basin optimally. The Modified PKC link incorporates the components as proposed by Government of MP in Kuno, Parbati and Kalisindh sub-basins along with the components of ERCP corresponding to divertible water available at 75 percent dependability.
