

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. #414

ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023

STATUS OF KEN-BETWA LINK PROJECT

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

- (a) the current status of Ken-Betwa link project;
- (b) by when this project is targeted to be completed; and
- (c) the benefits Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh is likely to get after the completion of this project, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (b) The current status of Ken Betwa Link Project (KBLP) is placed at **Annexure**. This project is targeted for completion by March, 2030.

(c) KBLP will provide annual irrigation to an area of 2.51 lakh hectares in Banda, Mahoba, Jhansi and Lalitpur districts of Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh, apart from providing water for *en route* drinking water supply to a population of 21 lakh. In addition to these benefits, the project will rejuvenate all the tanks situated *en route* area of link canal by feeding them through the canal, wherever possible and would help in ground water recharge. The project would also help boost the socio-economic prosperity of the Bundelkhand region, which presently faces recurrent drought situation.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 414 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 06.02.2023 REGARDING “STATUS OF KEN-BETWA LINK PROJECT”.

- i. With allocation of budget under RE of FY 2021-22, the implementation of the project has started.
- ii. The Gazette Notification for the constitution of the Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR for Ken-Betwa Link Project (KBLP) and a Special Purpose Vehicle, Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA), for implementation of KBLP has been issued by DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti on 11.2.2022.
- iii. As decided during the first meeting of Steering Committee, held on 7th April, 2022, the offices of KBLPA have been opened at Bhopal, Jhansi and Chattarpur. MoU has been signed with WAPCOS(I) Ltd for renovation and furnishing of offices of KBLPA.
- iv. Initially the focus is on land acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement, fulfilling the compliances to the conditions of forest clearance and wildlife clearance. An integrated Landscape Management Plan of Panna Tiger Reserve has been prepared by Wildlife Institute of India to increase its carrying capacity.
- v. Three meetings of the Steering Committee of Ken – Betwa Link Project (SC-KBLP) have been held under the Chairmanship of Secretary DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti in New Delhi. The third meeting was held on 18.01.2023.
- vi. Two meetings of the KBLPA have been held. The Second Meeting was held on 13.09.2022 at Bhopal.
