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MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *12

ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024

RIVER INTERLINKING PROJECTS UNDER HIMALAYAN RIVERS DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of interlinking of rivers of Himalayan Rivers Development Component till date;

(b) the roadmap drawn for implementation of the Kosi-Ghaghra link project;

(c) the progress made for accomplishment of the roadmap drawn for the Kosi-Ghaghra link project and Yamuna-Ghaghra link plan; and

(d) the target set for accomplishing the project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI C R PAATIL)

 (a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. *12 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024 IN RAJYA SABHA REGARDING "RIVER INTERLINKING PROJECTS UNDER HIMALAYAN RIVERS DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT"

(a) National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has been entrusted with the work of Interlinking of Rivers (ILR) under the National Perspective Plan (NPP) formulated by the Government of India in the year 1980. Under the NPP, a total of 30 link projects have been identified, out of which 16 link projects are under the Peninsular Component and 14 link projects are under the Himalayan component. The status of the link projects under Himalayan component is tabulated at **Annexure**. No link project under Himalayan Rivers Development Component has reached the stage of implementation yet.

(b) to (c) The ILR programme is being pursued in a consultative manner by building consensus amongst the party States for implementation of the rivers inter-linking projects. After preparation of Feasibility Reports (FR), a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is signed for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of these link projects followed by extensive consultations with the concerned States to resolve their apprehensions, if any, and for drafting of a roadmap for taking the link forward. Necessary statutory clearances are obtained and thereafter, a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for implementation of the link projects is signed along with the finalization of roadmap for implementation.

For Kosi-Ghaghara link project, FR has been completed and circulated to the concerned States of Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Bihar in March 2023 for their comments/ observations as a part of this consultative exercise. For Ghaghara-Yamuna link project, draft FR has been completed.

(d) Target set for accomplishment/completion of the link projects comes into picture after the party States arrive at a consensus for their implementation. It is for the party States to arrive at a consensus for implementation of the above two link projects.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. *12 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 22.07.2024 REGARDING "RIVER INTERLINKING PROJECTS UNDER HIMALAYAN RIVERS DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT".

STATUS OF THE LINK PROJECTS UNDER THE HIMALAYAN COMPONENT

Sl. No.	Name of the Link	Country/ States benefited	Status
1.	Kosi-Mechi link	Bihar & Nepal	PFR completed
2.	Kosi-Ghaghra link	Bihar, UP & Nepal	FR completed
3.	Gandak - Ganga link	UP & Nepal	FR completed and circulated
4.	Ghaghra - Yamuna link	UP & Nepal	Draft FR completed
5.	Sarda - Yamuna link	UP & Uttarakhand	FR completed
6.	Yamuna-Rajasthan link	Haryana & Rajasthan	FR completed
7.	Rajasthan-Sabarmati link	Rajasthan & Gujarat	FR completed
8.	Chunar-Sone Barrage link	Bihar & UP	Draft FR completed
9.	Sone Dam - Southern Tributaries of Ganga link	Bihar & Jharkhand	Draft FR completed
10.	Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga (M-S-T-G) link	Assam, West Bengal (WB) & Bihar	FR completed
11.	Jogighopa-Tista-Farakka link (Alternative to M-S-T-G)	Assam, WB & Bihar	PFR completed (The proposal has been dropped)
12.	Farakka-Sundarbans link	WB	FR completed
13.	Ganga(Farakka)-Damodar-Subarnarekha link	WB, Odisha & Jharkhand	FR completed
14.	Subarnarekha-Mahanadi link	WB & Odisha	FR completed

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