

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2473

ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025

WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE STATE OF KARNATAKA

2473. SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA

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

- (a) whether the Central Government has identified interlinking opportunities between rivers in the State of Karnataka to mitigate droughts and seasonal water scarcity;
- (b) status of funds released under the Atal Bhujal Yojana and other groundwater schemes; and
- (c) the outcomes of central technical assistance provided for irrigation modernization in the State?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) The Government of India has formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Inter-Linking of Rivers (ILR) for transferring water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas. 30 ILR projects have been identified under the NPP. Out of these 30 links, 4 links have been identified benefitting the State of Karnataka viz; Godavari (Poalvaram)-Krishna(Vijayawada) link, Krishna (Almatti)-Pennar link, Bedti-Varda link and Netravati-Hemavati link.

Also, 7 Intra State link proposals from Government of Karnataka for study, has been received in National Water Development Agency .The status of these link proposals is given at **Annexure**.

(b) The total amount of funds released, as on 31.03.2025, under Atal Bhujal Yojana to the State of Karnataka in Rs. 903.21cr. Also, CGWB is implementing the Ground Water Management and Regulation (GWMR), a Central Sector Scheme. Under the GWMR scheme, funds are not allocated to the States, as the activities are directly implemented by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB). The total amount of funds sanctioned for the State of Karnataka under GWMR, from year 2020-21 to 2024-25 is Rs. 34.32 crores.

(c) Under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana- Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Program (PMKSY-AIBP), central assistance of Rs. 929.40 cr, has been released to Extension Renovation Modernization (ERM) of Narayanpur Left Bank Canal (NLBC) system project in Karnataka and as an outcome irrigation potential of 99.70 thousand-hectare has been restored.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2473 TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.08.2025 REGARDING “WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE STATE OF KARNATAKA”.

Details and status of Intra State link proposals from Govt. of Karnataka for study

S.no.	Name of the link	Rivers	Status
1	Almatti (Bagalkot)-Malaprabha Sub-basin	Almatti and Malaprabha	Prima Facie Not found feasible
2	Malaprabha-Tungabhadra Sub-basin	Malaprabha and Tungabhadra	Prima Facie Not found feasible
3	Bedti-Dharma-Varada link	Bedti, Dharma and Varada	PFR completed
4	Bhadra-Vedavathi (Vani Vilasa Sagar) link	Bhadra and Vedavathi	Government of Karnataka withdrew the proposal during 11 th meeting of Special Committee for ILR.
5	Diversion of west flowing rivers schemes (Barapole-upper Cauvery link)	Barapole and upper Cauvery	
6	Diversion from Bedti and Aghanashini to Varada	Aghanashini and Varada	PFR completed.
7	Aghanasini-Vedavati Link	Aghanashini and Vedavati	PFR Initiated
