

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1583
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2018

ASSISTANCE FOR INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of river links in Bihar which have been included into inter-linking of rivers project by the Government;
- (b) the cost involved in such links along with the quantum of Central assistance to be provided to the States for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide any assistance for Dhanrajay and Phulwaria reservoirs scheme/project in Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b) Under the Himalayan Component of the National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development, following six links are concerned with the State of Bihar:

- 1) Manas-Sankosh-Teesta-Ganga (MSTG) link project,
- 2) Kosi-Ghaghara link project
- 3) Chunar-Sone Barrage link project
- 4) Sone Dam-Southern Tributaries of Ganga link project
- 5) Kosi-Mechi link project,
- 6) Jogighopa- Teesta-Farakka link project

The Pre-Feasibility Report of all the above 6 links have been completed and circulated to concerned States. The present status, States concerned/benefitted, etc., of the link projects are furnished in **Annexure-I**.

Further, Government of Bihar has sent 10 intra-State link proposals. The names of the link projects and their present status are furnished in **Annexure-II**.

The exact cost of the above link projects will only be known after completion of Detailed Project Report of the projects. As such, the quantum of Central Assistance to be provided for the link projects cannot be ascertained at this stage.

(c) & (d) No Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Dhanrajay and Phulwaria reservoir projects of Bihar are currently under appraisal in Central Water Commission (CWC). Under prioritized 99 projects of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) - Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) scheme, only two projects of Bihar namely (i) Punpun Barrage Project, & (ii) Durgawati Reservoir Project are currently being provided Central Assistance as per their eligibility assessed according to the format approved by the Cabinet. Current focus of the Central Government is to complete these 99 projects under PMKSY-AIBP.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Unstarred Question No. † 1583 to be answered in Lok Sabha on 26.07.2018 regarding “Assistance for Inter-Linking of Rivers”.

Present Status, Countries/States concerned/benefitted under the link projects

| Sl. No. | Name of link | States concerned | States benefitted | Present Status |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | Manas-Sankosh-Teesta-Ganga (MSTG) | Assam, Bihar, West Bengal | Bihar, Assam & West Bengal | Draft FR of MSTG link completed |
| 2. | Kosi-Mechi | Bihar | Bihar | PFR completed |
| 3. | Kosi-Ghaghra | Bihar & UP | Bihar & UP | PFR completed |
| 4. | Chunar-Sone Barrage | Bihar & UP | Bihar & UP | Draft FR completed |
| 5. | Sone Dam-Southern Tributaries of Ganga | Bihar & Jharkhand | Bihar & Jharkhand | PFR completed |
| 6. | Jogighopa-Teesta-Farakka link project (Alternate to MSTG) | Assam, Bihar, West Bengal | Assam, Bihar & West Bengal | PFR completed |

- PFR- Pre Feasibility Report
- FR- Feasibility Report

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (c) & (d) of Unstarred Question No. † 1583 to be answered in Lok Sabha on 26.07.2018 regarding “Assistance for Inter-Linking of Rivers”.

List of Intra-State link proposals of Bihar and their present status

| Sl. No. | Name of intra-state link | States concerned/ benefited | Rivers | Present status of PFR/DPR |
|----------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1. | Kosi – Mechi [entirely lies in India] | Bihar | Kosi & Mechi | DPR completed in April 2014. Techno-economic clearance given by Advisory Committee of MoWR, RD & GR. |
| 2. | Barh – Nawada | Bihar | Ganga & Kiul | PFR completed (Not found feasible). |
| 3. | Kohra – Chandravat (now Kohra-Lalbegi) | Bihar | Kohra & Chandravat | PFR completed (Not found feasible). |
| 4. | Burhi Gandak – None – Baya - Ganga | Bihar | Burhi Gandak, None, Baya & Ganga | DPR completed in December, 2013 and Techno-economic appraisal has been done by CWC. CWC has recommended the link scheme to be considered as Flood Modernisation scheme. |
| 5. | Burhi Gandak – Bagmati [Belwadhar] | Bihar | Burhi Gandak & Bagmati | PFR completed (Not found feasible). |
| 6. | Kosi – Ganga | Bihar | Kosi & Ganga | PFR completed.(Flood diversion scheme). |
| 7. | Development of Bagmati Irrigation & Drainage Project-Phase-II (Barrage near Kataunjha in Muzaffarpur District) and Adhwara Multipurpose Project with Kosi-Adhwara-Bagmati Link | Bihar | Kosi, Adhwara & Bagmati | PFR completed (Not found feasible). |
| 8. | Transfer of Ganga water to South Bihar through pump Canal Scheme at Buxer | Bihar | Ganga | Initially, NWDA consented to take up the work but after receiving the details from Govt. of Bihar, it was found that these are not intra-state links therefore not taken up. |
| 9. | Development of Badua-Chandan Basin | Bihar | Badua & Chandan | |
| 10. | Sone-Falgu link | | Sone & Falgu | Pre-Feasibility Study not completed. |

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