

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2695
ANSWERED ON 02.08.2018

PROPOSALS ON INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS PROJECT

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

- (a) the details of proposals received from various Members of Parliament in regard to inter-linking of rivers project in the country so far; and
- (b) the action taken/ to be taken by the Government on each such proposal?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b) Since Ist January 2017, 13 proposals of interlinking of rivers project have been received from various Members of Parliament. The names of the Members of Parliament and the action taken by National Water Development Agency are furnished in **Annexure**.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Unstarred Question No. 2695 to be answered in Lok Sabha on 02.08.2018 regarding “Proposals on Inter-Linking of Rivers Project”.

Names of the Members of Parliament, their proposals and the action taken by National Water Development Agency (NWDA)

Sl no.	Name of the MP	Letter date	Name of the interlinking project	Action taken
1	Shri Digvijaya Singh, MP	16.01.2017	Seeking comments/views of the NWDA regarding Public Awareness Programme for linking of Bedti-Varada rivers located in Haveri and North Canara districts of Karnataka	Government of Karnataka has taken up Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies in the project area.
2	Shri Ananth Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Chemicals & Fertilisers and Parliamentary Affairs	25.01.2017	Forwarding the request of Dr.M.Gule Gowda for re-examination of Dr.K.L. Rao report on Ganga-Cauvery interlinking of six major rivers	The proposal of National Water Grid by Dr. K.L. Rao was not pursued by Government as this project is not found techno-economically feasible. Further, NWDA has already taken up a series of link proposals which link Ganga river with Cauvery river under NPP.
3	Dr. Thambi Durai, MP and Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha	21.03.2017	Regarding Cauvery Management Board and to interlinking of all the rivers of country	The status of Interlinking of Rivers (ILR) projects being carried out by NWDA has been furnished.
4	Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Minister of Agriculture&Farmer's Welfare	22.03.2017	Regarding Interlinking of Rivers	The status of ILR projects being carried out by NWDA has been furnished.
5	Shri Devji Patel, MP	27.04.2017	Mahi -Luni link project	As per the PFR prepared by NWDA, the benefit to cost (BC) ratio of this proposal has been worked out as 0.29 and hence techno-economically not feasible.
6	Shri Hari Manjhi, MP	18.07.2017	Linking of Son river with Ganga , water supply through pipeline to Falgu river from Sone dam	The studies related to preparation of Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR) of Sone-Falgu river is take up by NWDA.

7	Shri Gopalakrishnan, MP	10.08.2017	Rejuvenation of River Vaigai	Under the Peninsular component of NPP, the Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar link scheme will provide irrigation in Vaigai basin. The same has been intimated.
8.	Shri Harishchandra Chawan, MP	7.3.2018	Nar-Par interlinking project	Preparation of Detailed Project Reprot (DPR) has been taken up by Govt of Maharashtra. This link project has also been included in the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to be signed between Maharashtra and Gujarat for implementation of Damanganga-Pinjal and Par-Tapi-Narmada link projects.
9.	Shri Nagendra Kumar Pradhan, MP	20.03.2018	Inter-linking of waters of Mahanadi (Hirakud)-Brahmani (Tikra & Rengali)	NWDA prepared the PFR of this link project and found that the BC ratio is 0.46 only. Hence, the project is techno-economically not feasible.
10.	Dr. Virendra Kumar, Minister of State for Woman and Child Development	03.04.2018	Ken-Betwa Link Project	The present status of Ken-Betwa link project has been furnished.
11.	Shri. Jyotiraditya M.Scindia, MP	16.04.2018	Regarding approval for inclusion of Legislative Constituency-028 Bameri Sindh,Parbati and Kooni rivers under ILR scheme	It has been intimated that requisite action is required to be taken by Government of Madhya Pradesh for carrying out necessary studies.
12	Shri Anil Shirole, MP	9.5.2018	Present status of Damanganga-Pinjal and Par-Tapi-Narmada link projects	DPRs of these two link projects have been completed. The techno-economic clearance of the Damanganga-Pinjal link project has also been accorded, subject to statutory clearances. Draft MoA for implementation sent to Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat for concurrence.
13.	Shri Ajay Nishad, MP	9.5.2018	Linking of rivers with Burhi Gandak	Specific request for linking Burhi Gandak river with another river has been received. NWDA has pointed out that a clear proposal indicating the name of the rivers to be linked for interlinking of rivers may be required.