

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *470
ANSWERED ON 25.07.2019

CAUVERY-VAIGAI-GUNDAR LINK PROJECT

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of feasibility report of the Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar Link Project in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the link canal traverses have been constructed and if so, the details thereof along with the number of link canal traverses constructed in each district including Sivaganga and Pudukkottai;
- (c) the funds allocated/utilized for this project; and
- (d) the details of the direct benefits available per year from the link project due to irrigation and also from domestic as well as industrial water supplies?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (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. *470 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2019 REGARDING CAUVERY-VAIGAI-GUNDAR LINK PROJECT.

(a) & (b) The Feasibility Report of the Cauvery – Vaigai – Gundar link project was prepared by National Water Development Agency (NWDA) in the year 2004 and circulated to the concerned States. Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar link project is the last link project under Mahanadi-Godavari-Krishna-Pennar-Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar link system under Peninsular Component of National Perspective Plan. The feasibility of Cauvery – Vaigai – Gundar link project depends on the waters to be brought by preceding upper links from Mahanadi & Godavari rivers.

The Cauvery – Vaigai – Gundar link project envisages diversion of 2252 Million Cubic Metre (MCM) of water from the Kattalai barrage through a 255.60 km long gravity canal for irrigating an area of 3.38 lakh ha. The command area lies in the drought prone districts of Karur, Tiruchirappalli, Pudukottai, Sivaganga, Ramanathapuram, Virudhunagar and Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu. The Cauvery – Vaigai – Gundar link project has not reached the stage of execution.

(c) No funds have been allocated/utilized for execution of this project.

(d) The Cauvery – Vaigai – Gundar link project envisages irrigating an area of about 3.38 lakh ha. utilizing 1952 MCM of water, apart from providing 62 MCM of water for domestic water supply and 123 MCM of water for industrial water supply to enroute command area.
