

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2757**

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**EASTERN RAJASTHAN CANAL PROJECT**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is a long pending demand to declare the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) as national project which caters the drinking water and irrigation needs of the thirteen districts of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be declared as national project?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a) to (c)** Yes, Sir.

For inclusion of a project for funding under National Projects scheme of this Ministry, it is required to be first appraised by Central Water Commission (CWC), and accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose Projects (Advisory Committee) of this Ministry. Subsequently, it is required to be considered by the High Powered Steering Committee (HPSC) set up for examining if the project meets the laid down norms for the National Project scheme. On being recommended by HPSC, and as per availability of funds etc., Government of India may approve inclusion of a project under the National Projects scheme.

Detailed project report for Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) was submitted to CWC for appraisal in November, 2017. However, appraisal process of ERCP has not been able to move forward as the project is planned on 50% dependable yield, against the prevailing norms stipulating planning for 75% dependable yield in an inter-State river basin. Hence, the project is not eligible for inclusion under National Projects scheme of this Ministry.

The Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers (SCILR), in its 20<sup>th</sup> meeting held in December, 2022, approved the proposal of considering the modified Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal (PKC) link project, duly integrated with ERCP, as a part of the National Perspective Plan of Interlinking of Rivers. Further, Phase-I of the modified PKC link corresponding to water availability at 75% dependability, has been declared as one of the priority inter-linking projects in the country.

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