

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 220**

ANSWERED ON 20.07.2023

**INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS**

220. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to interlink five river links – Daman Ganga-Pinjal, Par Tapi-Narmada, Godavari-Krishna, Krishna-Pennar, Ganga, Damodar-Subernarekha and Pennar-Cauveri to develop remote water transport;
- (b) if so, the present status and the reaction of the States thereon; and
- (c) the details of proposal of National Water Development Agency towards accelerating the projects?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (c) National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development was formulated by Government of India in 1980. NPP comprises two components, viz., Himalayan Rivers Development component and Peninsular Rivers Development component. A total of 30 link projects have been identified under the NPP; 14 link projects under Himalayan Rivers Development Component and 16 link projects under Peninsular Rivers Development Component. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has been entrusted with the work of Interlinking of Rivers (ILR) under the NPP.

Damanganga-Pinjal link; Par-Tapi-Narmada link; and Godavari (Inchampalli)- Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link project comprising 3 segments, viz., Godavari (Inchampalli) – Krishna (Nagarjunasagar), Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) – Pennar (Somasila) and Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link projects are under the Peninsular Component. Ganga-Damodar-Subernarekha link project is under the Himalayan Component of NPP. Present status of these ILR projects is furnished at **Annexure**.

Detailed Project Report (DPR) / Feasibility Report (FR) of the above river link projects have been prepared for water transfer from water surplus regions to water deficit regions, after fulfilling all the en-route water demands for irrigation, domestic and industrial water requirements and incidental hydro-power generation. Development of remote water transport has, however, not been envisaged while preparing the DPR/FR of the ILR projects.

The Government is making all efforts by pursuing the ILR programme in a consultative manner. A "Special Committee on Interlinking of Rivers" was constituted in September, 2014 for the implementation of ILR programme. 20 meetings of the Special Committee have been held so far. Further, a "Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers" was also constituted in April, 2015 for expediting the works under the ILR programme. 17 meetings of the Task Force have been held so far. The States have wide representation in both the Special Committee and the Task Force. DPRs of the link projects after completion, are sent to the concerned States and consultation meeting held with the party States for consensus building on water sharing and other related issues. It is for the party States to reach at a consensus for taking an ILR project to implementation stage.

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**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 220 ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.07.2023 REGARDING “INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS”.**

**Details and current status of the proposals under the Inter Linking of Rivers Programme mentioned in second para of the reply: -**

| <b>Sl. No</b> | <b>Name of the link project</b>                        | <b>States benefited</b>                   | <b>Annual Irrigation (lakh hactare)</b> | <b>Domestic &amp; Industrial (Mm<sup>3</sup>)</b> | <b>Hydro power (Mega Watt)</b> | <b>Status</b> |
|---------------|--|---|---|---|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.            | Damanganga - Pinjal link                               | Maharashtra                               | --                                      | 895   | 5                              | DPR completed |
| 2.            | Par-Tapi-Narmada link (As per DPR)                     | Gujarat and Maharashtra                   | 2.32 (2.28+ 0.04)                       | 126   | 21                             | DPR completed |
| 3.            | Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link | Telangana                                 | 3.67                                    | 140   | 60                             | DPR completed |
| 4.            | Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila ) link     | Andhra Pradesh                            | 2.94                                    | 218   | 90                             | DPR completed |
| 5.            | Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link        | Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry | 2.83 (0.51+ 2.32)                       | 1098 (62+ 1036)                                   |                                | DPR completed |
| 6.            | Ganga (Farakka) - Damodar-Subarnarekha link            | West Bengal, Odisha and Jharkhand         | 12.30 (11.18+ 0.39+ 0.73)               | 432   | --                             | FR completed  |

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