

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *92

ANSWERED ON 08.02.2024

INTER-LINKING OF BISALPUR DAM

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to inter-link the Bisalpur-Brahmani river with the Bisalpur Dam by way of external assistance to overcome the shortage of drinking water in the said Dam which is the main drinking water source for Jaipur, Ajmer and Tonk districts and partly for Nagaur district as well;
- (b) if so, the time by which such inter-linking is likely to be completed and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to implement Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) through external assistance to provide water for drinking and irrigation purposes in the districts of the eastern region of Rajasthan facing the shortage of drinking water; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented and if not, the reasons therefor?

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. *92 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2024 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING “INTER-LINKING OF BISALPUR DAM”

(a) to (d) The Government of India formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) in 1980 for transferring water from water surplus basins to water deficit basins / areas. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component and 14 under Himalayan Component) under the NPP. NWDA has also studied 49 proposals of Intra-State link projects, as received from the various State Governments.

There is no such proposal of inter-linking of the Bisalpur-Brahmani River with the Bisalpur Dam under the NPP. Also, no such proposal under Intra-State link has been received from the State Government of Rajasthan. However, the supplementation of Bisalpur dam is envisaged under the Modified Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal (PKC) link duly integrated with the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP), which has been identified as one of the priority links under the NPP.

The draft Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR) of the Modified PKC link was circulated to the States of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, in January, 2023. After consistent efforts made by the Government of India at various levels, to build consensus between the two States, for taking the link project forward for implementation, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on broad planning of the link project and preparation of its Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been signed amongst the States of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh and the Government of India.

The Modified PKC link project envisages to provide drinking and industrial water in 13 districts of eastern Rajasthan, inter alia, including Jaipur, Ajmer and Tonk districts as well as Malwa and Chambal regions of Madhya Pradesh, apart from providing irrigation in 5.6 lakh hectare (ha) area or more in both the States, including supplementation of en-route tanks in the States. The Modified PKC link project would help in utilizing the available water resources of Chambal basin optimally and economically.

However, it is for the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, to finalize the DPR of various components of the link project. Subsequent to this, the time period for implementation of the project, funding pattern etc shall be evaluated.
