

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *143
ANSWERED ON 28.11.2019

INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the special committee on Inter-Linking of Rivers (ILR) has in its report identified 14 links under the peninsular component and 2 links under the Himalayan component and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the time by which the projects are likely to take off along with the timeline for their completion; and
- (c) whether there is a possibility to bring interim relief to the people suffering from drought on one side and floods on the other and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. *143 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2019 REGARDING INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS RAISED BY SHRI T.R. BAALU, M.P.

(a) A Committee called “Special Committee on Interlinking of Rivers” has been constituted by Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (Now Ministry of Jal Shakti) on 23rd September, 2014 in compliance with the directions of the Hon’ble Supreme Court vide its judgement dated 27th February, 2012 in the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 512 of 2002 on ‘Networking of Rivers’ along with Writ Petition No. 668 of 2002. The Committee has been constituted to expedite execution of the Inter-linking of rivers (ILR) projects. Sixteen meetings of the Special Committee on Interlinking of Rivers have been held. The Special Committee on Interlinking of Rivers has not submitted any report identifying 14 links under the Peninsular Component and 2 links under the Himalayan Component. However, the then Ministry of Irrigation (now Ministry of Jal Shakti) formulated National Perspective Plan (NPP) for water resources development in August, 1980 through inter basin water transfer links from water surplus basin to water deficit basin. Under the NPP, the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component and 14 under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs). The FRs of 14 links under the Peninsular Component and 2 links under the Himalayan Component have also been prepared, the details of which are given at **Annexure**.

(b) The implementation of river link projects involves various steps including preparation of FRs of links, negotiation and consensus among concerned States, preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of the projects, clearances from Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, techno-economic clearance by Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood control & multipurpose projects of Ministry of Jal Shakti and investment clearance.

The stage of implementation of a project would be reached after its DPR is prepared, consensus among the concerned States and the requisite statutory clearances are obtained. The estimated time for implementation depends upon the construction schedule as per the DPRs of the inter-linking projects.

(c) The Government is providing assistance to State Governments for flood management and relief measures for drought affected areas through its various schemes and programmes.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. *143 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.11.2019 REGARDING “INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS”.

Names of Inter Basin Water Transfer Links, the States involved, name of rivers and status of Feasibility Reports/Detailed Project Report

Sl. No	Name	Rivers	States concerned	Status of PFR/FR/DPR
Peninsular Component				
1	Mahanadi (Manibhadra) - Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link	Mahanadi & Godavari	Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, & Chattisgarh	FR Completed
2	Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Pulichintala) link	Godavari & Krishna	-do-	FR Completed
3	Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link	Godavari & Krishna	Odisha, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka & Chattisgarh,	FR Completed
4	Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) link	Godavari & Krishna	Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, & Chattisgarh	FR Completed
5	Krishna (Almatti) – Pennar link	Krishna & Pennar	-do-	FR Completed
6	Krishna (Srisailem) – Pennar link	Krishna & Pennar	-do-	FR Completed
7	Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila) link	Krishna & Pennar	Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka,	FR Completed
8	Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link	Pennar & Cauvery	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala & Puducherry	FR Completed
9	Cauvery (Kattalai) - Vaigai - Gundar link	Cauvery, Vaigai & Gundar	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala & Puducherry	FR Completed
10	Ken-Betwa link	Ken & Betwa	Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh	FR & DPR (Ph-I&II) Completed
11	Parbati -Kalisindh- Chambal link	Parbati, Kalisindh & Chambal	Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh (UP requested to be consulted during consensus building)	FR Completed
12	Par-Tapi-Narmada link	Par, Tapi & Narmada	Maharashtra & Gujarat	FR & DPR Completed
13	Damanganga - Pinjal link	Damanganga & Pinjal	Maharashtra & Gujarat	FR & DPR Completed
14	Pamba - Achankovil - Vaippar link	Pamba, Achankovil & Vaippar	Kerala & Tamil Nadu,	FR Completed
Himalayan Component				
1.	Ghaghra-Yamuna link	Ghaghra & Yamuna	-do-	FR completed (Indian portion)
2.	Sarda-Yamuna link	Sarda & Yamuna	Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand & Nepal	FR completed (Indian portion)

- FR- Feasibility Report
- DPR- Detailed Project Report
