

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
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EASTERN REGION CANAL PROJECT

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the Eastern Region Canal Project;
- (b) whether the Union Government has sanctioned any funds to the Government of Rajasthan under this project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the areas in Rajasthan covered under this project;
- (d) whether the Union Government is facing any problem under this project in Rajasthan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the details of the measures taken by the Union Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (e) The Water Resources Projects are planned, funded, executed and maintained by the State Governments themselves as per their own resources and priorities. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes.

The Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) has been planned by the Government of Rajasthan to provide water for drinking, irrigation and industrial needs in 13 districts of Eastern Rajasthan (namely Alwar, Bharatpur, Dholpur, Karauli, Sawai- Madhopur, Dausa, Jaipur, Ajmer, Tonk, Bundi, Kota, Baran , Jhalawar) and enroute towns, villages as well as nearby command areas.

The project has been planned at 50% dependable yield. Central Water Commission (CWC) has suggested that either the project planning may be revised based on the 75% dependability figures as per the established procedure and guidelines or the State Government should obtain “No Objection” from the Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard.

Meanwhile, the proposal to integrate ERCP with the remaining part of PKC (Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal) Link was discussed in the 11th meeting of Task Force for inter-linking of Rivers (ILR) held on 18.10.2019. It was decided after deliberation that the Chairman, Task Force for ILR may initiate discussion with Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh in this regard.

Chairman, Task Force for ILR convened a meeting in this regard on 28.11.2019. The officials of the Governments of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh participated in this meeting. After deliberation, it was decided that Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR) in this regard may be prepared by NWDA. The target date for the completion of PFR is March, 2020.
