

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †598**  
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2021

**SPECIAL BODY TO IMPLEMENT NRLP**

†598. SHRI TAPIR GAO

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set up any special body to implement National River Linking Project (NRLP);
- (b) if so, the details along with the present status thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any suggestion from the States with regard to the said project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Jal Shakti considering setting up of a National Interlinking of Rivers Authority (NIRA) for implementation of the Interlinking of Rivers (ILR) projects. The proposal is under examination.

(c) & (d) The Government is pursuing the ILR program in a consultative manner. All the Pre-feasibility Reports / Feasibility Reports / Detailed Project Reports of the ILR projects are circulated to concerned/party States for their views/suggestion and they are suitably addressed to the extent possible in the respective reports.

All the comments/issues received from the States are deliberated in the Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers, constituted in September, 2014, in its various meetings.

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