

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*229**  
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022  
**INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS**

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to support States in various river linking projects in the country, particularly the Pennar - Cauvery Project in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the proposed projects, State-wise;
- (c) whether any steps are being taken by the Government to expedite the projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the target date of completion of each of the projects; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF JAL SHAKTI  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. \*229 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022 REGARDING “INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS”.**

(a) and (b) Under National Perspective Plan (NPP) prepared in year 1980 for inter-basin water transfer, National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component and 14 under Himalayan Component). Details and present status of the proposals for inter-State linking of rivers under the Inter Linking of Rivers (ILR) Programme is furnished at **Annexure**.

Ken- Betwa link is the first link under NPP that is under implementation after a tripartite agreement was signed between the States of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh and the Central Government on 22 March, 2021. Subsequently, Government of India approved the implementation of Ken-Betwa Link Project with an estimated cost of Rs. 44,605 crore (at year 2020-21 price levels), including central support of Rs. 39,317 crore [90 (Centre): 10(State)] through a special purpose vehicle.

Pennar (Somasila)-Palar-Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link project is one of the link projects under the Peninsular Component of the NPP and has been considered as a segment of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Godavari-Cauvery link project. The DPR of the Godavari-Cauvery link project has been completed by National Water Development Agency (NWDA) and circulated to all the concerned States, including Tamil Nadu, in April 2021 for arriving at consensus among the concerned States.

(c) to (e) The ILR programme has been accorded priority by the Government and it is being pursued based on the principle of consensus and agreement among the concerned States. The consultation with States and review of the progress of ILR projects are being carried out at various platforms. On the direction of Hon’ble Supreme Court, a Committee known as “Special Committee on Interlinking of Rivers” was constituted in September, 2014 for the implementation of ILR programmes. Nineteen meetings of this Special Committee have been held so far. Further, a Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers has been constituted in April, 2015 and fifteen meetings of the Task Force have been held so far. Efforts have been made for building consensus among the concerned States for implementation of the projects, since the implementation of the ILR projects requires consensus among the concerned States.

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**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 229 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.03.2022 REGARDING “INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS”.**

**Details and status of the proposals for inter-state linking of rivers under the Inter Linking of Rivers Programme**

S. No	Name	Rivers	States concerned	Status
<b>Peninsular Component</b>				
1(a)	Mahanadi (Manibhadra)– Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link	Mahanadi and Godavari	Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Karnataka and Maharashtra	FR Completed.
1(b)	Mahanadi (Bermul)– Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link	Mahanadi and Godavari	do	FR completed. Preparation of DPR under progress.
2	Godavari(Inchampalli)- Krishna(Pulichintala) link	Godavari and Krishna	Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka	FR completed.
3	Godavari(Inchampalli)- Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link	Godavari and Krishna	--do--	FR completed. DPR completed.
4	Godavari(Polavaram) - Krishna(Vijayawada) link	Godavari and Krishna	--do--	FR completed.
5	Krishna(Almatti) –Pennar link	Krishna and Pennar	Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka	FR completed.
6	Krishna (Srisailem)– Pennar link	Krishna and Pennar	--do--	FR completed.
7	Krishna(Nagarjunasagar)- Pennar (Somasila) link	Krishna and Pennar	--do--	FR completed. DPR completed.
8	Pennar (Somasila)– Cauvery(Grand Anicut) link	Pennar and Cauvery	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry	FR completed. DPR completed.
9	Cauvery (Kattalai)– Vaigai–Gundar link	Cauvery, Vaigai and Gundar	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry	DPR completed.
10	Ken–Betwa link	Ken and Betwa	Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh	DPR (Phase – I, II & Comprehensive report) completed.
11 (i)	Parbati – Kalisindh – Chambal link	Parbati, Kalisindh and Chambal	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan requested to be Consulted during consensus building)	FR completed.
(ii)	Parbati-Kuno-Sindh link	Parbati, Kuno and Sindh	Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan	PFR completed.\$
12	Par-Tapi-Narmada link	Par, Tapi and Narmada	Maharashtra and Gujarat	DPR completed.
13	Damanganga – Pinjal link	Damanganga and Pinjal	--do--	DPR completed.
14	Bedti-Varada link	Bedti and Varada	Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka	PFR completed. Draft DPR

				completed.
15	Netravati – Hemavati link	Netravati and Hemavati	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala	PFR completed.
16	Pamba - Achankovil – Vaippar link	Pamba,Achankovil and Vaippar	Kerala and Tamil Nadu	FR completed.
<b>§ Integration of Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project of Rajasthan and Parbati – Kalisindh – Chambal link.</b>				
<b>Himalayan Component</b>				
1.	Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga(M-S-T-G)link	Manas, Sankosh, Tista and Ganga	BHUTAN&INDIA (Assam,West Bengal and Bihar)	FR completed. DPR in progress.
2.	Kosi-Ghaghra link	Kosi and Ghaghra	NEPAL&INDIA (Bihar and Uttar Pradesh)	PFR completed.
3.	Gandak-Ganga link	Gandak and Ganga	--do--	FR completed (Indian portion).
4.	Ghaghra-Yamuna link	Ghaghra and Yamuna	--do--	FR completed (Indian portion)
5.	Sarda-Yamuna link	Sarda and Yamuna	NEPAL&INDIA (Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Haryana And Rajasthan)	FR completed (Indian portion)
6.	Yamuna-Rajasthan link	Yamuna and Sukri	Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and UttarPradesh	FR completed
7.	Rajasthan-Sabarmati link	Sabarmati	--do--	FR completed
8.	Chunar-Sone Barrage link	Ganga and Sone	Bihar and Uttar Pradesh	FR completed
9.	Sone Dam – Southern Tributaries of Ganga link	Sone and Badua	Bihar and Jharkhand	PFR completed
10.	Ganga (Farakka)-Damodar-Subernarekha link	Ganga, Damodar and Subernarekha	West Bengal,Odisha and Jharkhand	FR completed DPR in progress
11.	Subernarekha-Mahanadi link	Subernarekha and Mahanadi	West Bengal and Odisha	FR completed
12.	Kosi-Mechi Link	Kosi and Mechi	NEPAL & INDIA (Bihar and West Bengal)	PFR completed
13.	Ganga (Farakka)-Sunderbans link	Ganga and Ichhamati	West Bengal	FR completed
14.	Jogighopa-Tista-Farakka link (Alternative to M-S-T-G)	Manas,Tista and Ganga	Assam, Bihar and West Bengal	PFR completed

- PFR- Pre Feasibility Report
- FR- Feasibility Report
- DPR- Detailed Project Report

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