

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*312**  
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2022  
**ERCP AS NATIONAL PROJECT**

†\*312. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan regarding declaration of Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) as a national project is under consideration of the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to declare the said canal project as a national project to ensure the availability of water for drinking and irrigation purpose in thirteen districts of Rajasthan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which ERCP is likely to be declared as national project; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (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. \*312 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2022 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING “ERCp AS NATIONAL PROJECT” ASKED BY SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL.**

(a) to (e) For inclusion of a project for funding under National Projects scheme of this Ministry, it is required to be first appraised by Central Water Commission (CWC), and accepted by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose Projects of this Ministry. Thereafter, investment clearance is required to be obtained by the State Government. Subsequently, if the project meets the laid down norms for the National Project scheme, it is required to be considered by the High Powered Steering Committee (HPSC) set up for the purpose. On being recommended by HPSC, and as per availability of funds etc., Government of India may approve inclusion of a project under the National Projects scheme.

Appraisal of ERCp has not been possible due to inter-State issues with the other co-basin State, namely Madhya Pradesh. Presently ERCp does not fulfill the criteria laid down for inclusion under National Projects scheme of this Ministry.

**Though requests have been received, no proposal, as per the prescribed proforma, for inclusion of ERCp as a National Project has been submitted by Government of Rajasthan.**

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