

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2670
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022
MEETING ON INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS

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

- (a) whether the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has decided to hold a meeting to discuss the progress and the action plan on the inter-linking of rivers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) & (b) The Government of India has formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) of interlinking of rivers for transferring water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas in 1980. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component and 14 under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs) under Inter-linking of Rivers Project. Details and current status of the proposals for inter-state linking of rivers under the Inter Linking of Rivers (ILR) Programme is furnished at **Annexure**.

The ILR programme has been accorded top priority by the Government of India. The programme and its progress is reviewed on regular basis in the Annual General Meetings (AGM) of NWDA Society headed by Hon'ble Minister, MoJS. The NWDA Society has wide representations from Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments. A total of 35 meetings of AGM of NWDA have been held so far. The last meeting was held on 12.11.2021. The Governing Body of NWDA Society under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (DoWR, RD & GR), MoJS reviews the Action Plan prepared for various link projects in terms of targets which are fixed for completion on annual basis.

The Govt. of India had also constituted a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Sh. Suresh P. Prabhu, the then Member of Lok Sabha to prepare the implementation plan of ILR projects in year 2002. On the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Govt. of India constituted a Committee called Special Committee on Interlinking of Rivers (SCILR) under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister. SCILR reviews the progress of ILR projects regularly. 19 meetings of the SCILR have been held so far and the last meeting was held on 12.11.2021. The Union Cabinet is also apprised of the progress report of Special Committee for Inter-Linking of Rivers from time to time.

The Union Cabinet also directed that a committee comprising of experts be constituted to look into the issues relating to inter linking of rivers. In compliance with the direction of the Union Cabinet, a Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers (TF-ILR) under the Chairmanship of Chief Advisor, MoWR, RD& GR (now Ministry of Jal Shakti) has been constituted for expediting the works under ILR Programme. 15 meetings of the Task Force have been held so far and its last meeting was held on 22.10.2021. Sub – Committees / Groups under TF-ILR also work for expediting the progress of ILR programme.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2670 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.03.2022 REGARDING “MEETING OF 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
Peninsular Component				
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.

§ Integration of Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project of Rajasthan and Parbati – Kalisindh – Chambal link.

Himalayan Component				
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, Uttarakhnad, 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
