

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. †\*267**

ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022

**DEVELOPMENT OF RAINFED RIVERS**

†\*267      SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to develop several rainfed rivers including Koel and Sankh rivers in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop the said rivers to make it more useful for the public by constructing small embankments on rivers and through other means; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. †\*267 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022 REGARDING “DEVELOPMENT OF RAINFED RIVERS”**

**(a) to (d)** As per the seventh schedule of constitution of India (Article 246), ‘Water’ is a State subject, and it is the responsibility of the States/UTs to ensure the development of rivers within their jurisdiction. This Ministry supplements the efforts of State Governments on cost sharing basis through various schemes.

During the last 10 years the following irrigation and flood control projects in Jharkhand have been considered and accepted by the Advisory Committee of Department of Water Resource, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India:

- (i) Kanhar Barrage Project (Kanhar River)
- (ii) North Koel Reservoir Project – 6<sup>th</sup>&7<sup>th</sup> Revised Cost Estimate (North Koel River)
- (iii) Burhai Reservoir Project (Pathro River)
- (iv) Anti-Erosion work on the right bank of the Ganga River from Rafatola to Srighar in Sahebganj district.

Central Assistance was provided for the following 3 Flood Control schemes of Jharkhand under Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP) scheme.

- (i) Restoration, Breach closure and protection work of Right Embankment of Semaria-Goregama Scheme from Chainage 0.00 to 855.00 along Gerua river of Jharkhand.
- (ii) Anti-Erosion work on the right bank of river Ganga at Narayanpur, Sahibganj district.
- (iii) Anti-Erosion work in the right bank of River Ganga from Budhwaria to Kanhaya Asthan, Sahibganj district.

Further, central assistance is being provided for Subarnarekha and its tributary Kharkai for multi-purpose project in Jharkhand under (PMKSY-AIBP) scheme and the North Koelriver is funded through PMKSY.

Besides, National Water Development Agency (NWDA) received proposals of linking three Intra-State rivers from Government of Jharkhand for studies. The river linking proposals include rainfed rivers like Koel and Sankh rivers. The Pre Feasibility Reports (PFRs) of the three river linking projects were completed by NWDA and submitted to Govt. of Jharkhand. The names of the three Intra- State links and their status are as tabulated below:

| INTRA STATE LINKS |                                    |                                |               |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| S.No              | Name of the river linking projects | Rivers                         | Status        |
| 1.                | South Koel–Subernarekha            | South Koel & Subernarekha      | PFR completed |
| 2.                | Sankh–SouthKoel                    | Sankh & South Koel             | PFR completed |
| 3.                | Barakar–Damodar–Subernarekha       | Barkar, Damodar & Subernarekha | PFR completed |

Currently, Government of Jharkhand has no relevant proposal under consideration.

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