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RAMJAL SETU LINK PROJECT

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

- (a) the detailed particulars of the Ramjal Setu Link Project (Revised Parvati-KalisindhChambal Link), an inter-state project of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the financial resources provided by the Union Government for this project; and
- (c) the quantity of water to be utilized in this project along with the extent of area and population to be benefitted and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c) With a view to optimize the utilization of water of the Chambal River System and based on deliberations held with the State Governments of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh (MP) at various platforms, a proposal for the Modified Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal (Modified PKC) link project has been framed, incorporating therein the components as proposed by the Government of MP in Kuno, Parvati and Kalisindh sub-basins along with the components of ERCP, as proposed by the Government of Rajasthan. The Modified PKC link project has been declared as a priority Interlinking of Rivers (ILR) project under the National Perspective Plan (NPP) and a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for implementation of the link project has been signed in December, 2024 amongst the States of Rajasthan and MP and the Government of India.

As per the MoA, there shall be an equal exchange of water in Kuno and Parvati sub basins at 75% dependability between the two States. About 116 Million Cubic Meter (MCM) of surplus water in Kuno Sub-basin from Rajasthan portion shall be utilized by the State of MP in Kuno sub- basin, while an equal quantum of water at 75% dependability shall be utilized by the State of Rajasthan for diversion from Mahalpur barrage for Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project from the share of MP in the free catchment portion of Parvati sub-basin. The State of MP shall utilize additional water in Upper Chambal basin (about 450 MCM) through five projects identified under the Modified PKC link corresponding to water available at 75 % dependability at these project locations. The equal quantum of water so utilized by

MP through five projects in Upper Chambal basin, shall be transferred from Kalisindh sub-basin to Gandhisagar reservoir at more than 75 % success rate, on substitution basis.

As per the MoA, the envisaged project aims to provide benefits to the State of MP by extending annual irrigation to a command area of about 6 lakh hectares (ha) by utilizing about 1815 MCM of water and drinking water supply of about 71 MCM of water to the districts of Shivpuri, Gwalior, Bhind, Morena, Sheopur, Shajapur, Agar Malwa, Rajgarh, Sehore, Guna, Ratlam, Mandsaur, Ujjain, Dhar and Dewas including Malwa region. In Rajasthan, the link project is envisaged to provide drinking water (about 1744 MCM) to a targeted population of 21 districts of Eastern Rajasthan, viz; Jhalawar, Baran, Kota, Bundi, Tonk, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City, Dausa, Karauli, Dholpur, Bharatpur, Deeg, Alwar, Khairthal-Tijara, Kotputali - Behror, Jaipur urban, Jaipur rural, Dudu, Ajmer, Beawar, Kekri and en-route towns, tanks and villages as well as to meet the industrial water demand of about 205 MCM of water for Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) and other industries in the region. There is also a provision of about 1360 MCM of water for irrigating more than 2.5 lakh ha of new command area as well as stabilizing the existing command area of about 1.5 lakh ha in Rajasthan. The two States are presently finalizing the projects for submitting it to the Central Government.

No financial resources has been provided for this link project by the Government of India so far.
