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WATER GRID IN MARATHWADA REGION OF MAHARASHTRA

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

- (a) whether Marathwada region has been affected for shortages of water, especially Latur and Dharashiv districts of Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government has taken any initiative to develop water grid in Marathwada region, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) Marathwada region is one of the most drought-affected areas in Maharashtra. This is a rain shadow region with an annual rainfall of only 600 mm and rainfall variability of 30%. As intimated by the Government of Maharashtra, to overcome the situation, an initiative has been taken by the State Government to develop a water grid in the Marathwada region. Under this initiative, the State Government has planned to connect 11 major dams in the region by pipeline to enable water to be conveyed from dam to dam as and when required. As further intimated by the Government of Maharashtra, 8 water supply grid schemes have been sanctioned in this region under the Jal Jeevan Mission, which is part of the Marathwada grid.

Further to intimate that the Government of India formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) in 1980 for the transfer of water from water-surplus basins to water-deficient basins/areas. 30 Interlinking of Rivers (ILR) projects have been identified under the NPP. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has been entrusted with the work of ILR Projects. Under the NPP, the Damanganga - Pinjal ILR project and the Par - Tapi - Narmada ILR project have been envisaged to benefit the State of Maharashtra.

Apart from this, 20 intra-state link proposals were also received by NWDA from the State of Maharashtra. Out of these 20 link proposals, 3 proposals, viz; Wainganga–Manjra Valley intra-State link, Upper Krishna - Bhima (system of 6 links) intra-State link, and Nar–Par–Girna valley intra-State link pertain to the Marathwada region of the State. Pre-feasibility reports (PFRs) of all these intra-State link proposals have been completed by NWDA and submitted to the Government of Maharashtra. The details of the 3 intra-state link proposals concerning the Marathwada region are as under:

S.No	Name of Intra-State link	Rivers	Districts benefitted	Present status of PFR /DPR
1	Wainganga–Manjra Valley	Wainganga and Manjra	Beed, Hingoli, Parbhani	PFR completed (Not found feasible)
2	Upper Krishna–Bhima (system of 6 links)	Krishna and Bhima	Osmanabad (Dharashiv)	PFR completed
3	Nar–Par–Girna valley	Nar, Par and Girna	Aurangabad	PFR completed (Not found feasible)
