

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 785

ANSWERED ON 24.07.2025

WATER SCARCITY IN EASTERN REGIONS OF RAJASTHAN

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to connect the Bisalpur Dam with the Banas River (Bisalpur Bahani) through external assistance to address the issue of drinking water scarcity in Jaipur, Ajmer, Tonk districts and certain parts of Nagaur;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to implement the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) through external assistance to provide water for the twin purpose of drinking and irrigation in the eastern regions of Rajasthan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) The Government of India formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) of Interlinking of Rivers for transferring water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas in 1980. 30 link projects have been identified under NPP. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has been entrusted with the work of these Interlinking of Rivers Projects of NPP. NWDA has also studied 49 proposals of Intra State link projects as received from 10 State Governments. No such inter-linking proposal of Banas River with the Bisalpur Dam is envisaged under NPP and under Intra State link proposals as received by NWDA. However, the supplementation of Bisalpur dam is envisaged under Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) which has been planned to be part of the Modified Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal link.

(c) & (d) With a view to optimize the utilization of water of the Chambal River System and based on deliberations with Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh States, a proposal of modified Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal (Modified PKC) link, incorporating the components, as proposed by Government of Madhya Pradesh in Kuno, Parbati and Kalisindh sub-basins along with components of ERCP has been framed. Modified PKC is one of the priority link project of NPP.

MoU has been signed on 28.01.2024, followed by signing of MoA on 05.12.2024 amongst the States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and the Union Government wherein both the States Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan with the Union Government entered into Agreement for the planning and preparation of the DPR of the Modified PKC link project in the larger interest of utilising the waters of Chambal basin optimally and fulfil the irrigation and drinking water needs in both the States.

As per signed MoA of modified PKC link project, enhancing the storage capacity of Bisalpur Dam by raising 0.5 metres has been taken under components benefitting Rajasthan.
