

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2261

ANSWERED ON 12.02.2026

KEN-BETWA LINK PROJECT

†2261. SHRI RAHUL SINGH LODHI:

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

- (a) whether the survey work of Ken-Betwa Link Project which is a public welfare project, has been approved following the in-principle approval of this project;
- (b) if so, the details and names of the districts of Madhya Pradesh where the survey of barrages and their irrigation areas has been approved; and
- (c) if not, the time by which the approval for a detailed survey is likely to be made in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) Preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for any interlinking or irrigation project requires extensive field surveys and investigations, including topographical surveys, geological investigations, construction material surveys, geo-technical investigations, and soil. surveys for dam, barrage, canal, and command area components. These surveys and investigations for various components of the Ken–Betwa Link Project (KBLP) have been carried out as per the approved Terms of Reference for preparation of DPR of Ken–Betwa Link Project, 2006, and the "Guidelines for Preparation of Detailed Project Report of Irrigation and Multipurpose Projects". The DPR of the project has been approved by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation. Thereupon, the Union Cabinet accorded approval to the Ken–Betwa Link Project (KBLP).

(b) & (c) The survey and investigation activities for the Ken–Betwa Link Project, along with its components and State-specific projects such as Lower Orr Dam, Bina Complex and Kotha Barrage, have been carried out in the districts of Chhatarpur, Panna, Tikamgarh, Niwari, Damoh, Sagar, Datia, Shivpuri and Vidisha in Madhya Pradesh. Further, the survey and investigation activities for the Patne–Bearma Project, located in Panna and Damoh districts, have been completed.
