

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 758
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2016

INTER LINKING OF RIVERS OF SOUTH INDIA

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had proposed linking of rivers of southern part of the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has also constituted a committee to draw *modus operandi* for linking rivers in Southern part of the country, if so, the details thereof and present status of this proposal;
- (c) whether there is any financial constraint being faced by the Government for implementation of this project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(SUSHRI UMA BHARTI)

(a) Under the National Perspective Plan (NPP) for water resources development through inter basin transfer of water prepared by this Ministry, NWDA has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component & 14 under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Reports. The pre-feasibility report of the all 30 links have been prepared and circulated to the concerned State Govts. by the NWDA. After survey and investigations Feasibility Reports of 14 links under Peninsular Component in southern part of country have been completed, as per details in the **Annexure**.

(b) to (d) The Government is pursuing the Interlinking of Rivers program in a consultative manner. Its implementation is dependent upon the consensus and co-operation of the concerned States and upon obtaining various mandatory clearances from Ministry/ Departments of Central and State Governments including statutory clearances. In order to speed up the implementation of Inter-Linking of River Programme and to arrive at a consensus on the link proposals between the States, a 'Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers', has been constituted by this Ministry in September, 2014. Nine meetings of the Special Committee for Interlinking of River (ILR) have been held so far, wherein State Irrigation/ Water Resources Ministers along with the Secretaries of various States attended the meetings. The Committee after considering the views of all the stakeholders is taking all necessary steps for expediting the objectives of interlinking rivers programme as per terms of reference of the Committee.

For providing further impetus and to arrive at a consensus on ILR proposals between the States, a "Task Force and various Sub-Committees for Interlinking of Rivers" have also been constituted. The requirement of funds for this initiative is substantial. Therefore, varied sources of funds will have to be tapped for implementation of ILR Projects. Currently, no financial constraints are envisaged in the implementation of ILR Projects.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 758 due for answer in Lok Sabha on 21.07.2016 regarding Inter Linking of Rivers of South India.

Sl. No	Name	States concerned	States benefited	Status
Peninsular Component				
1	Mahanadi (Manibhadra) - Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link	Orissa, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, & Chattisgarh,	Andhra Pradesh & Orissa	Feasibility Report Completed
2	Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Pulichintala) link	Orissa, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka & Chattisgarh,	Telangana & Andhra Pradesh	Feasibility Report Completed
3	Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link	-do-	Telangana	Feasibility Report Completed
4	Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) link	Orissa, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, & Chattisgarh,	Andhra Pradesh	Feasibility Report Completed
5	Krishna (Almatti) – Pennar link	-do-	Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka	Feasibility Report Completed
6	Krishna (Srisailem) – Pennar link	-do-	--	Feasibility Report Completed
7	Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila) link	Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka,	-do-	Feasibility Report Completed
8	Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala & Puducherry	Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu & Puducherry	Feasibility Report Completed
9	Cauvery (Kattalai) - Vaigai - Gundar link	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala & Puducherry	Tamil Nadu	Feasibility Report Completed
10	Ken-Betwa link a) Ken-Betwa Link Phase-I b) Ken-Betwa link Phase-II	Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh - do-	Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh Madhya Pradesh	DPR Phase-I completed in April 2010 & DPR Phase-II Completed in January 2014.
11	Parbati -Kalisindh- - Chambal link	Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh (UP requested to be consulted during consensus building)	Madhya Pradesh & Rajasthan	Feasibility Report Completed
12	Par-Tapi-Narmada link	Maharashtra & Gujarat	Gujarat	DPR completed in August 2015
13	Damanganga - Pinjal link (As per DPR)	Maharashtra & Gujarat	Maharashtra (only water supply to Mumbai)	DPR Completed in March 2014.
14	Bedti - Varda link	Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka	Karnataka	Pre-Feasibility Report Completed
15	Netravati – Hemavati link	Karnataka, Tamil Nadu & Kerala	Karnataka	Pre-Feasibility Report Completed
16	Pamba - Achankovil - Vaippar link	Kerala & Tamil Nadu,	Tamil Nadu	Feasibility Report Completed

FR -- Feasibility Report
PFR – Pre feasibility Report
DPR – Detailed Project Report
S&I -- Survey and Investigation
MCM -- Million Cubic Meters