

issues. As the process of arriving at such consensus involves consultations among multiple stakeholders, the implementation of these projects may take time.

(b) Presently, works under the Ken–Betwa Link Project (KBLP) have commenced, with a completion target of 2030. The status of all 30 ILR projects identified under the NPP are placed at Annexure.

(c) to (e) Planning of ILR projects is progressively refined at each stage of study—Pre-Feasibility Report, Feasibility Report and Detailed Project Report—in close consultation with the concerned States. Consensus building among party States remains the most critical requirement for any ILR project to reach the implementation stage. The Government of India is pursuing the ILR programme in a consultative manner and has accorded top priority to it.

Concerted efforts have been undertaken at various levels to build the necessary consensus among States for implementation of ILR projects. A “Special Committee on Inter-linking of Rivers” was constituted in September 2014 to facilitate and monitor the ILR programme; 25 meetings of the Committee have been held so far with active participation of States. Further, a “Task Force for Inter-linking of Rivers” was constituted in April 2015 to expedite ILR-related works; 22 meetings of the Task Force have been held so far.

In addition, the Annual General Meetings (AGM) of the National Water Development Agency (NWDA), meetings of its Governing Body, and various negotiation meetings convened on different platforms both bilateral and multilateral, provide structured forums for States to deliberate on water sharing, technical parameters, project benefits, cost-sharing arrangements and other implementation-related issues.

The implementation of ILR projects ultimately depends on the party States reaching consensus on water sharing and other project-related issues. The Government continues to engage with States and stakeholders through these institutional mechanisms to expedite pending ILR projects and advance the objectives of equitable and sustainable water resource management across the country.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1907 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.07.2026 REGARDING “DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF RIVER LINKING PROJECTS”.

THE DETAILS OF RIVER LINKING PROJECTS WITH THEIR PRESENT STATUS:

Peninsular Component

Sl.No	Name	States benefited	Status
1	Mahanadi (Manibhadra) - Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link	Andhra Pradesh (AP) and Odisha	Feasibility Report completed
	Alternate Mahanadi (Barmul)- Rushikulya-Godavari Dowlaiswaram) link	AP and Odisha	Feasibility Report completed
2	Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) link @	AP, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Telangana	Feasibility Report completed
3	a.) Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link	Telangana	Feasibility Report completed
	b.) Alternate Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link *	Telangana	DPR completed
4	Godavari (Inchampalli/ SSMPP) - Krishna (Pulichintala) link	Telangana and AP	DPR completed
5	a.) Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila) link	AP	Feasibility Report completed
	b.)Alternate Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila) link *	AP	DPR completed
6	Krishna (Srisailem) – Pennar link	AP	DPR Completed
7	Krishna (Almati) – Pennar link	Karnataka & AP	DPR completed
8	a.) Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link	AP, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry	Feasibility Report completed
	b.) Alternate Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link *	AP, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry	DPR completed
9	Cauvery (Kattalai) - Vaigai -Gundar link	Tamil Nadu	DPR completed
10	a) Parbati –Kalisindh - Chambal link	Madhya Pradesh (MP) and Rajasthan	Feasibility Report completed
	b) Modified Parbati – Kalisindh-Chambal link	MP and Rajasthan	MoA for implementation has been signed by both the States
11	Damanganga - Pinjal link	Maharashtra (only water supply to Mumbai)	DPR completed and dropped from status of “priority links”
12	Par-Tapi-Narmada link	Gujarat and Maharashtra	DPR completed and dropped from status of “priority links”
13	Ken-Betwa link	Uttar Pradesh (UP) and MP	DPR completed and project is under implementation
14	Pamba - Achankovil - Vaippar link	Tamil Nadu and Kerala	Feasibility Report completed
15	Bedti - Varda link @@	Karnataka	DPR completed
16	Netravati – Hemavati link**	Karnataka	Pre-Feasibility Report completed

* Due to pending consensus on Manibhadra and Inchampalli dams, Phase-I of Project to divert unutilized waters of Godavari river, Study was carried out and DPR of Godavari (Inchampalli) – Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila) – Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link projects (combined) called as Godavari-Cauvery link was completed. The report has further been updated terminating the link canal at Manimukhtanadi, a Tributary of Vellar river flowing adjacent to Cauvery basin.

@@ Bedti – Varda Link - DPR was prepared directly after preparation of its PFR, no FR was prepared.

@ Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) Link- the project has been taken up by Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and is under execution by Polavaram Project Authority.

** Netravati – Hemavati link: Further studies not taken up after PFR preparation since after implementation of Yettinahole project by Govt. of Karnataka, no surplus water is available in Netravati basin for diversion through this link.

Himalayan Component

Sl.No	Name	States/Countries benefited	Status
1.	Kosi-Mechi link	Bihar and Nepal	PFR completed
2.	Kosi-Ghaghra link	Bihar, Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Nepal	Feasibility Report completed
3.	Gandak - Ganga link	UP and Nepal	Feasibility Report completed
4.	Ghaghra - Yamuna link	UP and Nepal	Feasibility Report completed
5.	Sarda - Yamuna link	UP and Uttarakhand	Feasibility Report completed
6.	Yamuna-Rajasthan link	Haryana and Rajasthan	Feasibility Report completed
7.	Rajasthan-Sabarmati link	Rajasthan and Gujarat	Feasibility Report completed
8.	Chunar - Sone Barrage link	Bihar and UP	Feasibility Report completed
9.	Sone Dam - Southern Tributaries of Ganga link	Bihar and Jharkhand	Draft FR completed
10.	Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga (M-S-T-G) link	Assam, West Bengal and Bihar	Feasibility Report completed
11.	Jogighopa-Tista-Farakka link (Alternative to M-S-T-G)	Assam, WB and Bihar	PFR completed (The proposal has been dropped)
12.	Farakka-Sundarbans link	WB	Feasibility Report completed
13.	Ganga (Farakka) - Damodar-Subarnarekha link	WB, Odisha and Jharkhand	Feasibility Report completed
14.	Subarnarekha-Mahanadi link	WB and Odisha	Feasibility Report completed
