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EASTERN RAJASTHAN CANAL PROJECT

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

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government for inter-linking of river projects in the State of Rajasthan, river-wise;
- (b) the current status of the Modified Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project which is beneficial for the people and farmers of the 21 districts in Rajasthan;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to expedite the project so as to complete it before the scheduled deadline and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the manner in which the Government proposes to place alternative mechanisms for prompt redressal of the grievances of the populace?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (d) The Government of India formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) of interlinking of rivers for transferring water from surplus basins to deficit basin/areas in the year 1980. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified 30 Inter-Linking of Rivers (ILR) projects (16 under the Peninsular Component and 14 under the Himalayan Component).

The State of Rajasthan is to be benefited by three ILR projects under the NPP, viz; the Yamuna-Rajasthan link project, the Rajasthan-Sabarmati (RS) link project and the Modified Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal (PKC) link project. The present status of these ILR projects are as under:

Sl.No	Name of the link	States benefitted	Present Status
1.	a.) Parbati -Kalisindh- - Chambal (PKC) link	Madhya Pradesh (MP) and Rajasthan	Feasibility Report (FR) Completed
	b) Modified PKC Link	MP and Rajasthan	Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR) completed
2.	Yamuna-Rajasthan link	Haryana and Rajasthan	FR completed
3.	Rajasthan-Sabarmati link	Rajasthan and Gujarat	FR completed

The Modified PKC link project, as a part of the NPP, has been declared as one of the priority ILR projects. To expedite the project for an early implementation, Government of India has made vigorous efforts for consensus building between the party States of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Progress of the link project has been reviewed at various levels in the meetings of the Special Committee for Interlinking of Rivers, Task Force for Interlinking of Rivers, the Annual General Meeting of NWDA Society, the Governing Body Meeting of the NWDA and in other Inter-State meetings with active participation of both the party States.

The PFR of the Modified PKC link has been completed and circulated to both the party States of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan in January, 2023. Subsequently, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed amongst the States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India on 28.01.2024, for broad planning of the link project and preparation of its Detailed Project Report.

Government of India has accorded top priority to the ILR programme, which is being pursued in a consultative manner, based on the consensus on issues like water sharing, etc. arrived at amongst the party States for the implementation of the respective ILR projects. It is for the party States to reach a consensus for early implementation of the ILR projects, including the Modified PKC link project.
