

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:360  
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000  
NATIONAL WATER GRID NETWORK  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a plan of setting up a National Water Grid Network is under the consideration of the Government to ensure optimum utilisation of river water to meet recurring challenges caused by natural calamities viz. drought and floods in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the decisions taken thereon; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to implement the plan expeditiously?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES ( SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS ( a) TO ( c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 360 TO BE ANSWERED  
13.12.2000 IN THE LOK SABHA REGARDING NATIONAL WATER GRID NETWORK.

Ministry of Water Resources and Central Water Commission have formulated a National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development which envisages inter linkages among the various Peninsular rivers and the Himalayan rivers for transfer of water from surplus basins to water deficit basins for the optimum utilisation of water resources. The Government of India has established the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) as an Autonomous Society in July, 1982 to carry out the water balance and other studies of the National perspective Plan. NWDA has completed water balance and prefeasibility studies of all the link proposals. Detailed feasibility reports based on survey & investigation of 5 links have been completed and it is under progress for the 15 links. Implementation of such water transfer link proposals depends on the availability of funds, completion of detailed project reports and consensus among the co-basin States.