

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL WATER GRID
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up National Water Grid; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) In 1980, the Ministry of Water Resources, then known as the Ministry of Irrigation, formulated a National Perspective Plan for integrated water resources development through inter-linkages of several southern based Peninsular rivers and the Himalayan rivers. Through this programme it is intended to assess the surplus basins as of now for possible transfer of water from surplus to deficit basins in order to optimally utilize the water resources of the country. With this purpose the Government of India has established the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) in 1982 as an autonomous society to carry out water balance and feasibility studies of the Peninsular and Himalayan rivers. NWDA has identified 30 links under National Perspective for preparation of Feasibility Report and has completed Feasibility Report of 6 links. Implementation of the water transfer links would only be possible if the concerned basin States agree to the water linkage proposal provide other logistical support necessary for project implementation and availability of funds are ensured.