

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL WATER POLICY  
CHADA SURESH REDDY;KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have proposed in the National Water Policy for creation of a grid system for major rivers to tackle frequent drought and floods in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The National Water Policy provides that water should be made available to water short areas by transfer from other areas including transfers from one river basin to another, based on a national perspective, after taking into account the requirements of the areas/basins. The National Water Policy also stipulates that in planning water resource development projects, the needs of drought-prone areas should be given priority and in highly flood prone areas, flood control should be given overriding consideration in reservoir regulation policy even at the cost of sacrificing some irrigation or power benefits.