

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3613
ANSWERED ON:07.04.2003
MEETING OF NATIONAL WATER DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
A. VENKATESH NAIK;ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the meeting of National Water Development Agency was held on March 26,2003;
- (b) if so, the names of participating States and the details of deliberations held alongwith outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government have directed the State Governments to cooperate for river linking project;
- (d) if so, the reaction of each State Government thereto; and
- (e) the time frame, if any, fixed by the Union Government for completion of the said project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) & (b) The 19th Annual General Meeting of National Water Development Agency (NWDA) Society was held on 26th March, 2003. Shri Arjun Charan Sethi, Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources and President, NWDA Society presided over the meeting. Shri T.M. Jacob, Minister of Water Resources, Government of Kerala attended the meeting. Representatives from States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu & Uttar Pradesh participated in the meeting. The agenda items related to progress of work done by NWDA during the year 2002-2003 (upto December, 2002), Constitution of Task Force on Interlinking of Rivers, Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) Memo for continuation of NWDA during 10th Five Year Plan (2002-07) etc.. After deliberations & discussions, the Society noted/approved the Agenda items placed before the meeting.

(c) State Governments have been requested for their co- operation.

(d) & (e) As per the programme drawn up by Central Government, implementation of the project of Inter-linking of rivers is scheduled for completion by 31.12.2016.