

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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LINKING OF RIVERS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of rivers in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu which have been inter-linked since 2001, till-date;
- (b) the expenditure incurred on completion of the work; and
- (c) the names of rivers proposed to be inter-linked in the said States during 2003-2004 alongwith estimated cost involved therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BHOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) National Perspective Plan for transferring water from water surplus basins to water deficit areas was prepared in 1980. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was established in 1982 as an autonomous society to carry out water balance and other studies and prepare feasibility reports. NWDA has identified 30 links under the National Perspective Plan for preparation of the feasibility reports. Of these Par-Tapi-Narmada Link envisages benefits to Gujarat and Pennar (Somasila)-Cauvery (Grand Anicut) Link, Cauvery (Kattalai)-Vaigai-Gundar Link and Pamba-Achankovil- Vaippar Link envisage benefit to Tamil Nadu. No rivers in Gujarat & Tamil Nadu under National Perspective Plan envisaging interlinking of rivers has been inter-linked since 2001.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No rivers in the said State under National Perspective Plan are proposed to be linked during 2003-2004.