

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4531
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MEETING ON INTER- LINKING OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to convene a meeting of Chief Ministers of States to evolve consensus on inter-linking of rivers;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to hold bilateral discussions with States concerned to understand and address their apprehensions on the issue; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) No date has been fixed for holding the meeting with Chief Ministers of States to evolve consensus on inter-linking of rivers.
- (b) & (c) Secretary (WR) held a meeting with Chief Secretaries of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan on 11.01.2005 for two top priority links viz. Ken-Betwa & Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal. After the meeting, Government of Uttar Pradesh has conveyed their conditional consent for signing of MOU for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) of Ken-Betwa link in March, 2005. Government of Madhya Pradesh has already conveyed their consent for preparation of DPR of the link. Regarding Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal link while Government of Madhya Pradesh has already conveyed their consent for preparation of DPR of this link, Government of Rajasthan has not conveyed their decision.