

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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INTER LINKING OF RIVER BASINS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to examine proposals for inter-linking of river basins on the basis of techno- economic feasibility and ecological and rehabilitation grounds;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have assured States that it would adopt a national outlook; and
- (c) if so, by when the aforesaid project is likely to be reviewed and a final decision taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Common Minimum Programme of the Government envisages assessment of the feasibility of the linking of the rivers of the country in a fully consultative manner and exploring feasibility of linking sub-basin/basins of rivers in the States like Bihar. The timetable for achieving the aforesaid objective has not been drawn up.