

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR LINKING OF RIVERS

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

- (a) whether an ambitious scheme for inter-linking of rivers is under consideration of the Government in the country;
- (b) whether the proposal of Madhya Pradesh for its two projects is also included for consideration in the first phase of this ambitious scheme;
- (c) whether Madhya Pradesh has given its consent for implementation of both these two projects; ;and
- (d) if so, the reasons for delay in starting the work on these projects and the time by which it will be started?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission (CWC) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging interbasin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas which comprises of two components namely Himalayan Rivers Development Component and Peninsular Rivers Development Component. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up under the MOWR in 1982 for carrying out various technical studies to establish the feasibility of the proposals of NPP and to give concrete shape to it. Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links for preparing Feasibility Reports (FRs). NWDA has completed feasibility reports for 14 links under Peninsular Rivers Development Component and two links under Himalayan Rivers Development Component. Two link proposals viz. Ken-Betwa concerning Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh and Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal concerning Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have been taken up as priority links for arriving at consensus for preparation of Detailed Project Reports of these links.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The implementation of these links would depend on how fast the consensus between concerned States is arrived at for preparation of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).