

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:198

ANSWERED ON:10.03.2010

INTER LINKING OF RIVERS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments for inclusion of certain rivers as part of the proposed inter-linking of the river projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the present status of these proposals;
- (c) the estimated costs of these projects and the funds spent so far;
- (d) the time limit fixed for completion of each of these projects; and
- (e) the manner in which the inter-linking river projects is likely to solve the water crises, flood and drought condition in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.198 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2010 IN LOK SABHA REGARDING INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS

(a) to (d) National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has received 31 proposals of intra-state links from 7 States viz. Maharashtra, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Orissa, Bihar, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. Out of above, Pre -Feasibility Reports (PFRs) of 8 intra-state links have been completed by NWDA. Details of intra-state link proposals received from the State Governments along with their status, estimated cost and target for completion of their PFRs is given at Annexure-I. At present these intrastate links are at PFR stage and as such no expenditure has been incurred on the implementation of these projects. The concerned States have to get the Feasibility Report/ Detailed Project Report of these projects prepared, which is the next stage toward their implementation. The time schedule for completion of the projects is worked out at DPR stage.

(e) The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas. The link proposals firmed up by NWDA under NPP envisage additional irrigation benefits of 25 million hectares of irrigation from surface water, 10 million hectare by increased use of ground water and generation of 34000 MW of power apart from the benefits of flood moderation navigation, water supply, fisheries, salinity, pollution control etc.