

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2356  
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FLOODS IN BIHAR  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether interlinking of Kosi and Gandak rivers is likely to solve flood problem of Bihar permanently;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Bihar regarding linkage of rivers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a): Preliminary studies conducted by National Water Development Agency (NWDA) indicate that the interlinking of Kosi and Gandak rivers can not solve the flood problems of Bihar permanently.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e): The Government of Bihar has submitted 6 intra state link proposals to NWDA for preparation of their Pre-Feasibility Reports (PFRs) / Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). They are: i) Kosi – Mechi [entirely lie in India], ii) Barh – Nawada, iii) Kohra – Chandravat (now Kohra- Lalbegi), iv) Burhi Gandak – None – Baya – Ganga, v) Burhi Gandak – Bagmati [Belwadhar] & vi) Kosi – Ganga.

PFRs of all the six links have been completed and sent to Govt. of Bihar and to Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC) for their comments. Their observations have been received. The PFRs of two links namely Kosi-Mechi link and Burhi Gandak – None – Baya – Ganga link have been modified based upon the observations of the Government of Bihar and modified PFRs have been submitted to the Government of Bihar.