

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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MEASURES TO PREVENT FLOODS AND TO UTILISE FLOOD WATER

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

- (a) whether any efforts have been made to manage/check the floods and to utilize the flood water in drought prone areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): Floods are a recurring feature, particularly in Ganga, Brahmaputra and Meghna basins. Inter Basin Water Transfer (IBWT) was envisaged as one of the most effective way to mitigate floods and drought, increases irrigation potential and reduce regional imbalance in the availability of water. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was assigned to undertake the study and prepare the requisite proposals in this regard. It has completed Feasibility Reports of 14 inter-basin links under Peninsular Component and the 2 links under Himalyan Component.

After signing of a tripartite agreement between the Government of India and the concerned States of Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh on 25-08-2005, NWDA has completed Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Ken-Betwa link on 31-12-2008. Further, NWDA has taken up the preparation of DPRs of two more links namely, Par-Tapi-Narmada and Damanganga-Pinjal under Peninsular Component.