

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1426
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PONNAIYAR PALAR LINK
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pre-feasibility Report (PFR) has been prepared for Ponnaiyar- Palar link in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the target fixed for its completion?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam, National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has prepared the Pre feasibility report (PFR) of the Ponnaiyar-Palar link and sent the same to the Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

(b) Ponnaiyar (Krishnagiri)-Palar Intra State link envisages transfer of 99 Mm³ of water, annually available at Krishnagiri dam as flood flow to the Kalar, a tributary of Palar river in the adjacent basin through 55.7 km long canal by gravity during the months from October to December for 15 days at the rate of 5 days in each month. The diverted water is proposed to be utilized for recharging the ground water of Palar basin and thereby to stabilise the existing command area of about 11870 ha being irrigated through the existing wells and bore wells.

The total cost of the project is estimated as Rs. 25793 lakhs at 2008-09 price level. The Benefits-cost ratio is estimated to be 1.21.

(c) Irrigation being a state subject planning, execution and operation & maintenance of water resources projects are carried out by the state government as per their requirement and priorities of works.