

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3213

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INTERLINKING OF RIVERS

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

- (a) the budgetary support in the present financial year 2012-13 and the amount spent till December, 2010 for the interlinking of rivers, project-wise details thereof;
- (b) the position of the Government on the viability and success of 'River Linking Schemes';
- (c) whether the work concerning the interlinking of rivers is affected due to paucity of funds;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to make arrangement of funds for commencing the said work on priority basis so that the problems like drought and flood could be tackled?

**Answer**

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

(a) The budgetary provision for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs) and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the present financial year 2012-13 is Rs. 51.30 crore. The amount spent on FR & DPR of Interlinking of Rivers programme from inception of NWDA till Dec. 2010 is Rs. 309.88 crore. The expenditure incurred, is not maintained project wise.

(b) The viability of link proposals under National Perspective Plan (NPP) is assessed at every stage of their formulation as is done for any other water resources project. While preparing Pre-Feasibility Reports (PFRs), their techno-economic viability is established at the preliminary stage. The FRs of such link proposals which are found techno-economic viable at PFR stage are taken up. While preparing FRs various studies such as Survey and Investigation, hydrological analysis, rapid socio-economic and environment impact assessment studies, etc are carried out. Thereafter, DPRs of such link proposals which are found viable at FR stage are taken up with the concurrence of concerned states. At DPR stage the detailed studies regarding all the aspects of the link proposal are carried out. Therefore, viability and success of "River Linking Schemes" is ascertained.

(c) & (d) & (e) No Madam, the work of Preparation of FR & DPR of Interlinking of Rivers is not effecting due to paucity of funds. The Government is providing adequate funds for the work concerning the Interlinking of Rivers.