

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2111  
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DIALOGUE ON INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS  
Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

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

- (a) whether the Government has organized an event "Dialogue on Inter-linking of Rivers: Issues and Challenges"; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of such event including the stake of the private players in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam, The event "Dialogue on Inter Linking of Rivers: Issues and Challenges" was organized by National Water Development Agency (NWDA) & Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) jointly at New Delhi on 12.09.2012.

The event was inaugurated by the then Hon'ble Minister (WR) Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal in presence of Shri Vincent H. Pala, then Minister of State (WR), Sh. L.Rajagopal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

The Seminar was divided in two Technical Sessions.

(1) Technical Session-I: Sh. A.B.Pandya, DG, NWDA and Member (D&R), Central Water Commission (CWC) delivered a lecture on 'Genesis of Interlinking of Rivers in India' Shri Videh Upadhyay, Advocate Supreme Court spoke on the legal and constitutional aspects of implementation of Interlinking of Rivers. Shri L.Rajagopal, Hon'ble Member of Parliament. Spoke on the political views on the subject.

(2) Technical Session-II: Exploding Myths on Interlinking was presented by Shri C.M. Pandit, Former Member (WP&P), CWC. followed by views of States & other stake Holders.

The very purpose of organizing event was to create awareness among stake holders and was to focused on the basic concept of Inter linking of Rivers, issues for implementation, Legal and Constitutional provisions and International dimensions etc. No stake of the private players was deliberated up on during the seminar.