

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2221  
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MAHANANDA RIVER BASIN  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has accorded approval for the implementation of Mahananda river basin project in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated cost of the project;
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned and released by the Union Government so far;
- (d) the expenditure incurred by the State Government and the progress of the project, so far; and
- (e) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) The project Report (DPR) of Mahananda river basin project has not yet been received by the Central Water commission for appraisal. However, the Government of Bihar has submitted a Preliminary Project Report (PPR) of Kosi- Mechi Intra State link Project of Bihar in November, 2012 for according in principle consent for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR). As per Preliminary project Report (PPR), the Kosi-Mechi link project envisages diversion of 12,582 Million Cubic Metres (MCM) of Kosi water from existing Hanuman Nagar Barrage for extending irrigation in un-irrigated areas of Mahananda basin and diverting the excess flood water to river Mechi, a right bank tributary of Mahananda. The total cost of the link project has been estimated as Rs. 4441.82 crore.

(c), (d) & (e) : As the Detailed Project Report (DPR) has not been finalized and the project has not been appraised, the question does not arise at this stage.