

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WATER RESOURCES  
LOK SABHA**

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INTER-LINKING OF RIVERS  
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the progress made in regard to the inter-linking of rivers in Bihar along with the time frame for the same, project-wise;
- (b) whether there is a proposal to construct pucca road on both the embankments of Boodhi Gandak river; and
- (c) if so, the details of progress made to prepare this plan?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES ( SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Under the National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development formulated by then Ministry of Irrigation (now Ministry of Water Resources), National Water Development Agency (NWDA) had identified following 6 links for concerning State of Bihar:-

- 1) Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga link,
- 2) Kosi-Mechi link,
- 3) Kosi-Ghaghara link,
- 4) Chunar-Sone Barrage link,
- 5) Sone Dam-Southern Tributaries of Ganga link and
- 6) Jogighopa-Tista-Farakka (Alternative to MSTG) link.

The Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR) of all above 6 links have been completed and circulated to concerned states & Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members of NWDA. The work of preparation of Feasibility Reports in the Indian portion is in progress. The time frame for these links could not be fixed due to International aspects.

6 Intra-state link proposals i.e. (1) Kosi – Mechi [entirely lie in India], (2) Barh – Nawada, (3) Kohra – Chandravat (now Kohra-Lalbegi), (4) Burhi Gandak – None – Baya – Ganga, (5) Bagmati-Burhi Gandak (through Belwadhar) and (6) Kosi–Ganga have been received from Bihar Govt. and PFRs of the all six links have already been completed & communicated to Bihar Govt. The work of Preparation of DPR of Burhi- Gandak-None-Baya- Ganga and Kosi-Mechi links is in progress and scheduled to be completed by March, 2013.

Further, the Preliminary Project Report (PPR) of Burhi Gandak-None-Baya –Ganga link and Kosi-Mechi link have been completed & sent to Govt. of Bihar.

- (b) No proposal to construct pucca road on both the embankments of Burhi Gandak river has been received so far.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.