

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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KEN BETWA PROJECT .

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

- (a) the latest status of Ken Betwa Project;
- (b) whether it is a fact that inspite of completion of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Ken Betwa Project not much progress has been made in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for the expeditious compliance of the said project?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c) Ken – Betwa Inter Basin Water Transfer Link has been identified as one of the priority links for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) under Himalayan Component of National Perspective Plan. A Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) amongst the State of Madhya Pradesh, State of Uttar Pradesh and Union Government for proceeding ahead on the Ken-Betwa Link Project and taking up the project for preparation of DPR was signed on 25th August, 2005. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) had prepared the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Ken-Betwa link in 2008 and submitted the same to the party States for concurrence. Based on the views of party States, it has been decided that the DPR of the project will be prepared in two phases. The preparation of the DPR of Phase I & Phase II were taken up by NWDA in light of observations of the concerned state. The DPR of Ken Betwa Link (Phase-I) has been completed by NWDA in 2010 and sent to State Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh for concurrence. NWDA has taken up the Survey & Investigation work of Phase-II of link project. The Ken- Betwa Link project has been included in the list of National Project. The Government is pursuing the Ken-Betwa link programme with party States in a consultative manner. Its implementation is dependent upon consensus and cooperation of the concerned states and upon obtaining various mandatory clearances from Ministry/Departments of Central and State Government including statutory clearances.

(d) NWDA has taken up various requisite steps for obtaining various clearances like forest land, wild life, public hearing through state pollution control board for environmental clearance and Rehabilitation & Resettlement etc. Further, the progress of the Ken-Betwa link programme is reviewed and issues on the project are resolved in a consultative manner with the party States during the General Body meeting of NWDA and Annual General meeting of the NWDA Society. Further, on the direction of Supreme Court, Ministry of Water Resources is constituting a Committee to be called a 'Special Committee for Inter-linking of Rivers' under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources for expediting the progress of river link programme.