GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3098
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INTERLINKING OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the three-judge bench of Supreme Court has given any direction on river interlinking projects and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any scheme or proposal to conserve/store the rain water by linking the small rivers in Bundelkhand division of Uttar Pradesh particularly in Hamirpur, Banda, Mahoba and Jalaun;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any scheme for improvement and deepening/desilting of nine big ponds in Charkhari of Mahoba district in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Supreme Court in the matter of Writ Petition (Civil) No 512 of 2002. "Networking of Rivers" along with Writ Petition (Civil) no. 668 of 2002 delivered a Judgment dated 27.2.2012 directing the Union of India, particularly the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India, to forthwith constitute a Committee to be called a 'Special Committee for Inter-linking of Rivers' under the chairmanship of the Union Minister for Water Resources to plan, construct and implement interlinking of rivers programme.

(b)& (c) As per the information received from National Rainfed Area Authority, Planning Commission, there is no scheme to conserve / store the rain water by linking the small rivers in Bundelkhand regions of Uttar Pradesh Special Bundelkhand Package.

(d) As per the information received from National Rainfed Area Authority, Planning Commission, under the Bundelkhand Special Package 28 projects were approved under the activity of Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of water bodies with a budgetary sanction of Rs. 46.16 crore during XIth Plan. Out of these 14 Nos. Bundhies in Charkhari of Mahoba district, was sanctioned with estimated cost of Rs. 70.73 lakhs. Government of Uttar Pradesh has intimated that this work has been completed.