

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4355

ANSWERED ON:20.02.2014

INTER STATE RIVER WATER DISPUTES

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of inter-State water disputes including Mullaperiyar and Palar Dam issues, dispute/issue-wise;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Union Government for the amicable settlement of all the disputes/issues in a time bound manner, dispute/issue-wise;
- (c) whether there is a need for the amendment of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act and the River Boards Act for time bound clarificatory/supplementary orders of tribunals on inter-State water disputes and for setting up an Inter-State River Basin Authority for overall coordination of watershed agencies under inter-State basins;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to promote integrated irrigation management solutions on the basis of river basin development?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a) The status of various Inter-State water disputes which have been referred to Tribunals for conflict resolution is given below:-

S.No	Name of Tribunal	States concerned	Date of constitution	Present Status
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1	Ravi & Beas Water Tribunal	Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan	April, 1986	Report and decision under section 5(2) given in April, 1987. A Presidential Reference in the matter is before Supreme Court and as such the matter is sub-judice.
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2.	Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal	Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Puduchery	June, 1990	Report and decision given on 5.2.2007 which was published vide Notification dated 19.2.2013. Special Leave Petition (SLP) filed by party States in Hon'ble Supreme Court pending and as such the matter
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is sub-judice.

3. Krishna Water Karnataka, Andhra April, 2004 Report and
Disputes Pradesh and decision given
Tribunal-II Maharashtra on 30.12.2010.

Further report
given by the
Tribunal on
29.11.2013.
However, as per
Supreme Court
Order dated
16.9.2011, till
further order,
decision taken
by the Tribunal
on references
filed by States
and Central
Government shall
not be published
in the official
Gazette. As such,
matter is sub-
judice.

4. Vansadhara Water Andhra Pradesh February, 2010 Report and
Disputes Tribunal & Odisha decision not

given by the
Tribunal. State
of Odisha has
filed an SLP in
Supreme Court
against the
appointment of
Justice Sri
Ghulam Mohammad,
Member of the
Tribunal. As
such matter is
sub-judice.
Hon'ble
Vansadhara Water
Disputes Tribunal
in its Order
dated 17.12.2013
has directed to
constitute a 3-
member Protem
Supervisory Flow
Management and
Regulation
Committee on
River Vansadhara
to implement its
Order. Ministry
of Water
Resources has
taken a decision
to implement the
order.

5. Mahadayi Water Goa, Karnataka November, 2010 Report and
Disputes Tribunal and Maharashtra Decision not
given by the
Tribunal.

The issue of Mulla Periyar Dam and Palar Dam are sub-judice in the Supreme Court. Central Government has constituted a 3-member Supervisory Committee on Babhali Barrage on 24.10.2013 for implementation of the Order dated 28.2.2013 of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Action has been initiated by the Central Government as per the provisions of ISRWD Act, 1956 on the request of Government of Bihar received under Section 3 of the Act on river Sone.

(b)to(d) Inter-State River Water Dispute Act, 1956 has already been amended in the year 2002 in consultation with all the State Governments whereby adjudication of water disputes by the Tribunals was made time-bound. Further, a committee was also set up by the Central Government to study the activities that are required for the optimum development of a river basin and changes that may be required in the existing River Board Act, 1956. The report of the Committee has been placed before National Forum of Ministers of Water Resources/irrigation of the States and also been sent to the concerned Central Ministries, all the States and Union Territories.

(e) Several steps for augmentation, conservation and efficient management to ensure sustainability of water resources, including measures for irrigation development are undertaken by the respective State Governments. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, Government of India provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments to encourage sustainable development and efficient management of water resources through various schemes and programmes such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP); Repair Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies. The Government of India has also launched National Water Mission with objective being inter-alia "conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management".