

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

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INTERLINKING OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people including forest dwellers likely to be displaced in the interlinking of rivers under the National Perspective Plan;
- (b) whether the Government has drawn up any rehabilitation package in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(PROF.SANWAR LAL JAT)

(a) The Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR, RD & GR) has formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/ areas. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified 30 links under the NPP. Based on the concurrence of the concerned States, Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for Ken-Betwa Link (Phase- I & Phase -II), Damanganga – Pinjal link have been completed by NWDA.

The number of people including forest dwellers that are likely to be displaced by the inter- linking of rivers programme under the NPP can only be estimated after completion of DPR of the individual link projects. The estimated number of people affected by the river link projects for which DPR have been completed is given as below in table:

Sl. No.	Name of River Link Project	Number of people affected
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| 1. | Ken-Betwa link project Phase-I dam in Madhya Pradesh (estimated in year 2008) | 7224 in Daudhan |
| 2. | Ken-Betwa link project Phase-I Orr Project in Madhya Pradesh (estimated in year 2013) | 2939 in lower |
| 3. | Damanganga-Pinjal link project reservoir and reservoir (estimated in year 2013) | 20,501 in Bhugad
19,273 in Khargill |

(b) & (c) Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) Plan in respect of project affected persons is an integral part of the implementation of any Inter Linking of River project and is included in the DPR. A comprehensive R&R plan as per the R&R policy guidelines of the Government of India- 2007 and R&R policy of the State Governments has been prepared in respect of both Ken-Betwa link project (Phase-I & Phase-II) and Damanganga-Pinjal link project for which the DPRs have been prepared.

Provision towards rehabilitation packages in respect of Ken-Betwa link Phase-I, Ken-Betwa link Phase-II and Damananga-Pinjal link is Rs 333.77 crores (2007- 08 price level), Rs. 213.11 crores (2012-13 price level) and Rs. 623 crores (2013-14 price level)

respectively have been made in the DPRs.