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River Linking Project between India and Nepal

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Nepal have set up an authority and started working on first trans-country river linking project to channel water from Sharda river in Nepal to Sabarmati in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the advantage that India will get from this project;
- (c) the estimated cost of the project and the sharing of the cost between India and Nepal;
- (d) whether India and Nepal have sorted out the differences with respect to the project, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the work on the project is likely to be started and get completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(SUSHRI UMA BHARTI)

(a) to (e) No, Madam. Authority for river linking project to channel water from Sharda river in Nepal to Sabarmati in Gujarat has not been set up.

However, India and Nepal have jointly set up, in pursuance of the Article 10 of the Mahakali Treaty 1996, Pancheshwar Development Authority (PDA) for execution, operation and maintenance of Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project on river Mahakali, which is known as Sharda in India. The differences/ issues with respect to the project are addressed by PDA in consultation with the two Governments.

The work of finalisation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the Project has been awarded to M/s WAPCOS Limited, a Public Sector Unit of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation. The cost of project is tentatively Rs. 30,745 crore and its sharing between the two countries has not been decided, so far.

The estimated construction period of the Pancheshwar Project is about 10 years. Process for undertaking execution starts after finalisation of DPR.
